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PREVIOUSLY...

GUELIN HAS MANIPULATED THE GULLIBLE MIYOUL INTO PRESSURING YOUNG HEERACK TO JOIN THE SLIPPER CLUB. HEERACK, WHO WOULD DO ALMOST ANYTHING FOR MIYOUL, JOINS, AFTER WHICH HE IMMEDIATELY--AND ACCIDENTALLY--CHALLENGES GUELIN FOR HIS POSITION AS PRESIDENT. SURE ENOUGH, MIYOUL GETS ON THE BALLOT FOR FIRST LADY AS SHE WISHED, BUT THE SLIPPER CLUB'S MEMBERS HAVE THEIR OWN IDEAS ABOUT WHO SHOULD HOLD THAT TITLE ...

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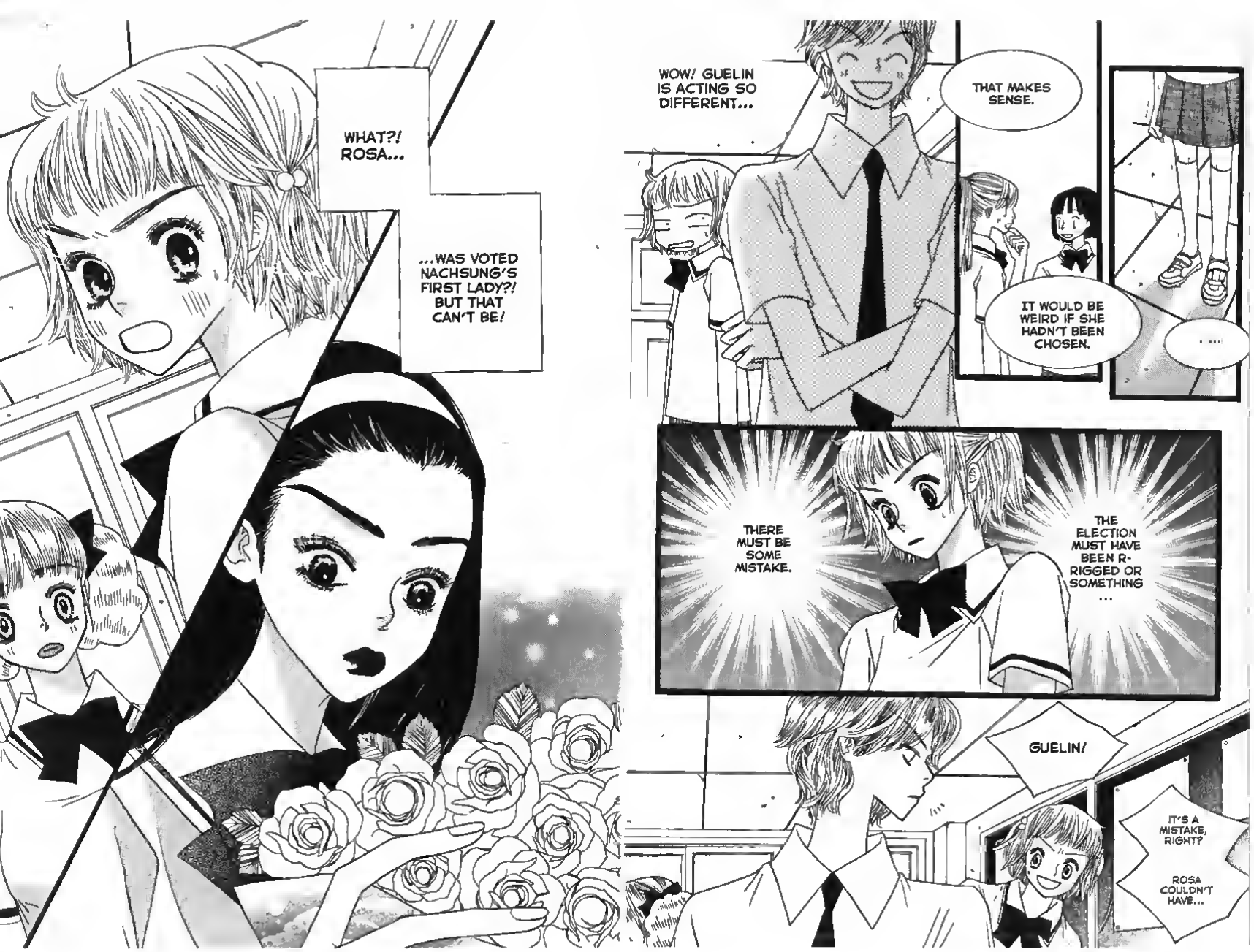
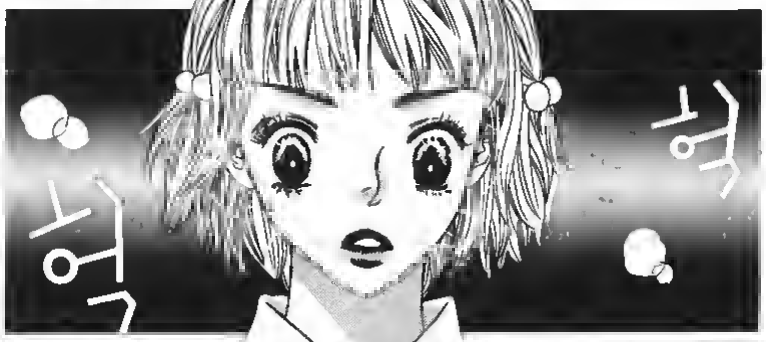

WHAT?! ROSA...
...WAS VOTED NACHSUNG'S FIRST LADY?! BUT THAT CAN'T BE!
WOW! GUELIN IS ACTING SO DIFFERENT...
THAT MAKES SENSE.
IT WOULD BE WEIRD IF SHE HADN'T BEEN CHOSEN.
. ....
THERE MUST BE SOME MISTAKE.
THE ELECTION MUST HAVE BEEN R-RIGGED OR SOMETHING ...
GUELIN!
IT'S A MISTAKE, RIGHT?
ROSA COULDN'T HAVE...

ARE YOU SERIOUS, MIYOUL? DID YOU HONESTLY EXPECT TO WIN?
I MEAN, COME ON.
YOU ONLY GOT ON THE BALLOT BECAUSE HEERACK NOMINATED YOU.
!!
IF YOU DON'T BELIEVE ME, GO SEE THE RESULTS FOR YOURSELF.
탁 탁 탁
OUT OF MY WAY!
MOVE IT!
Huff!
WHAT'S WITH THAT MIYOUL? SHE'S SO ANNOYING...

Official Slipper Club
Announcement: Election Results
for First Lady of Nachsung

A Slipper Club member vying for the position of Slipper Club President must offer clear evidence, in a public place, that he has captured the heart of the First Lady of Nachsung. Once this happens, overthrow of the current president by that challenger will be duly acknowledged

1st place: Che Rosa (27 votes)
2nd place: Kim Minji (8 votes)
3rd place: Cha Haewon (5 votes)



4th place: Kang Sujung (3 votes)
5th place: Ban Miyoul (0 votes)

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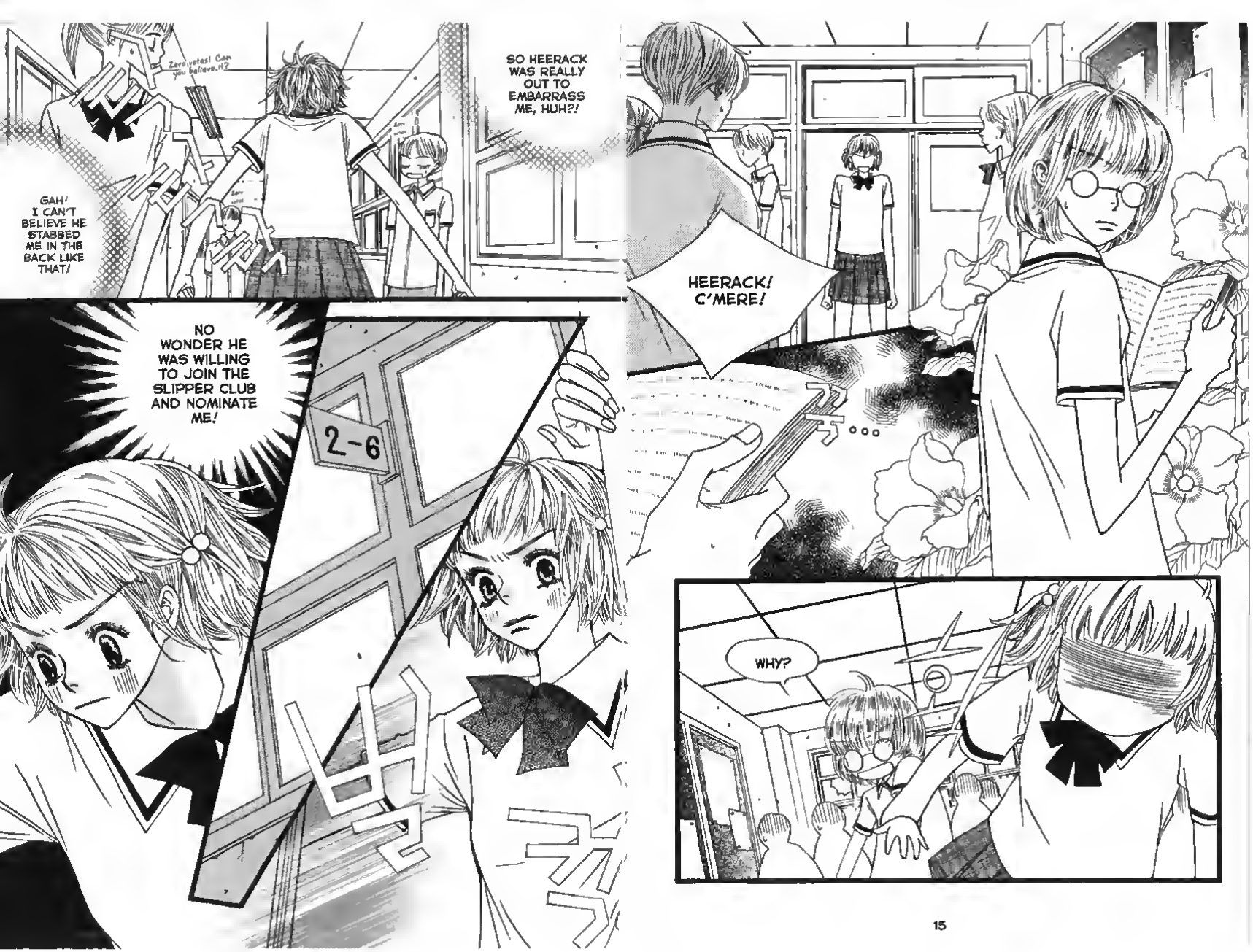
Zero votes! Can you believe it?
SO HEERACK WAS REALLY OUT TO EMBARRASS ME, HUH?!
GAH! I CAN'T BELIEVE HE STABBED ME IN THE BACK LIKE THAT!
NO WONDER HE WAS WILLING TO JOIN THE SLIPPER CLUB AND NOMINATE ME!
2-6
HEERACK! C'MERE!
...
WHY?

WHAT DID I DO WRONG?!
PLAYING DUMB?!
I'M NOT! I SWEAR! LET GO OF ME AND WE'LL TALK ABOUT IT!
YOU ABSTAINED, DIDN'T YOU?!
SO YOU NOMINATE ME, THEN DON'T EVEN VOTE FOR ME? YOU WERE DETERMINED TO EMBARRASS ME FROM THE START, WEREN'T YOU?!
...YOU CAN THINK WHAT YOU WANT TO THINK, MIYOUL.
BUT ALL YOU ASKED ME TO DO WAS NOMINATE YOU.

YOU PUNK!
DID I REALLY HAVE TO SPELL THAT OUT FOR YOU?!
WHY DO YOU ALWAYS THINK I SHOULD BE DOING STUFF FOR YOU, MIYOUL?!
DO YOU HAVE A DEATH WISH TODAY?!
SAY WHAT?!
TAKE YOUR BEST SHOT!
HIT ME!
WHO DOES HE THINK HE IS, LOOKING AT ME LIKE THAT?
thump
두근...
.....
thump
두근...
thump
두근...

thump
SHE'S BLUSHING!
DO YOU THINK SHE'LL HIT HIM?!
.....?

HMPH!
DAMN IT!

WHY COULDN'T I HIT HIM?!
COULD IT BE...?
HE TOTALLY EMBARRASSED ME!
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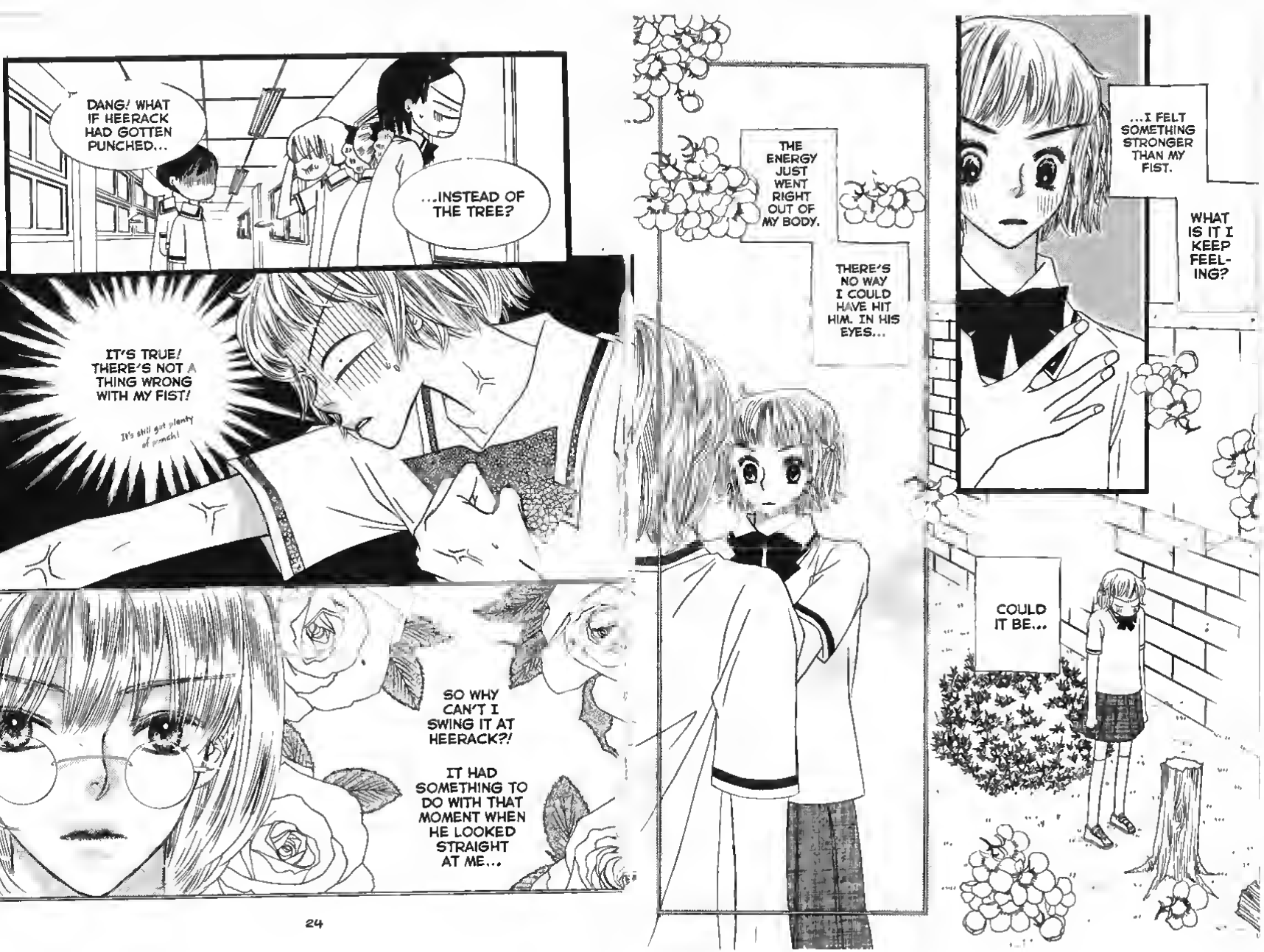
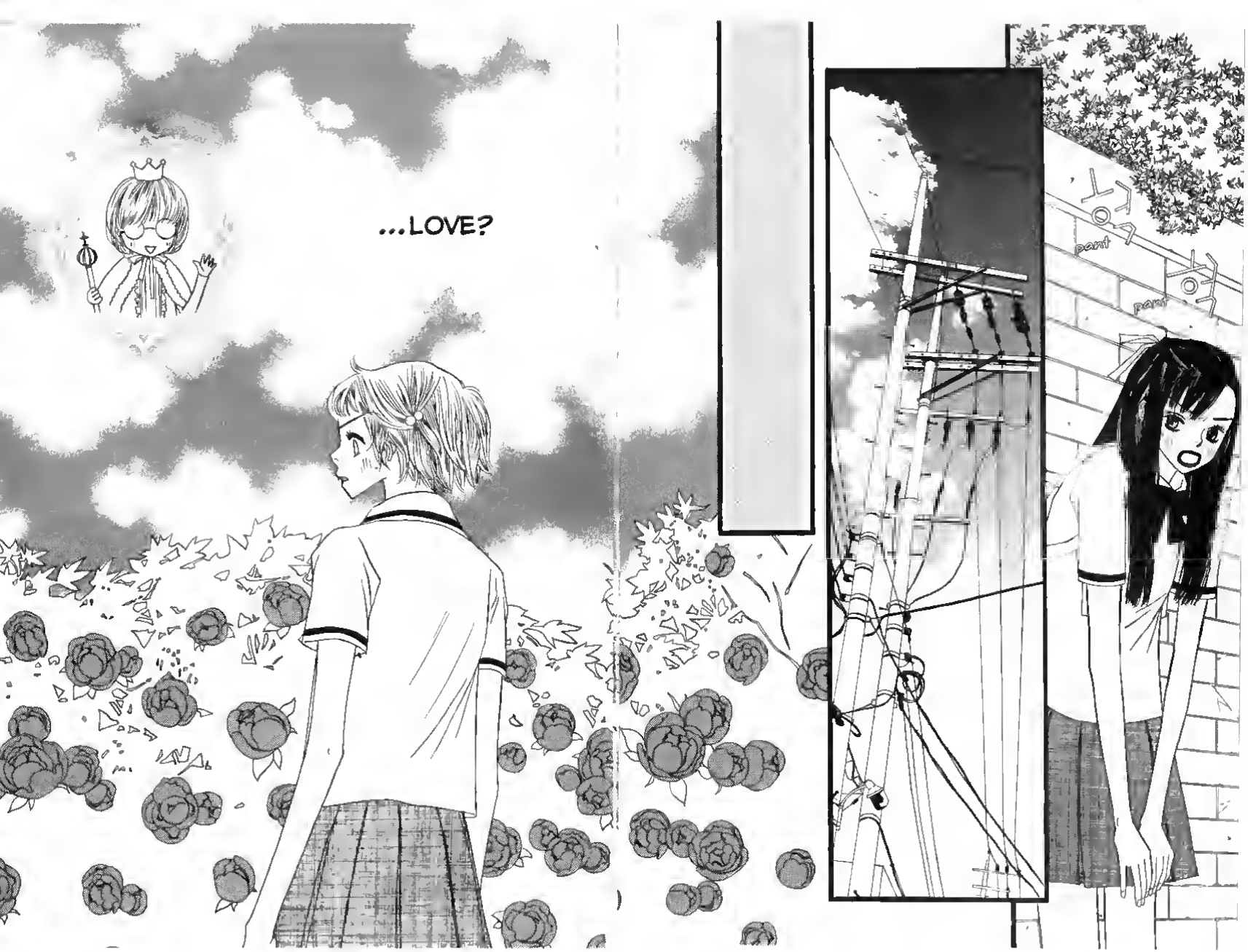
WHAT WAS THAT NOISE?!
IT CAME FROM THE GARDEN!
BUT SOMEHOW I KNOW IT WOULD JUST MAKE ME FEEL WORSE TO HIT HIM!


DANG! WHAT IF HEERACK HAD GOTTEN PUNCHED...
...INSTEAD OF THE TREE?
IT'S TRUE! THERE'S NOT A THING WRONG WITH MY FIST!
It's still got plenty of punch!
SO WHY CAN'T I SWING IT AT HEERACK?!
IT HAD SOMETHING TO DO WITH THAT MOMENT WHEN HE LOOKED STRAIGHT AT ME...
THE ENERGY JUST WENT RIGHT OUT OF MY BODY.
THERE'S NO WAY I COULD HAVE HIT HIM. IN HIS EYES...
...I FELT SOMETHING STRONGER THAN MY FIST.
WHAT IS IT I KEEP FEELING?
COULD IT BE...


...LOVE?

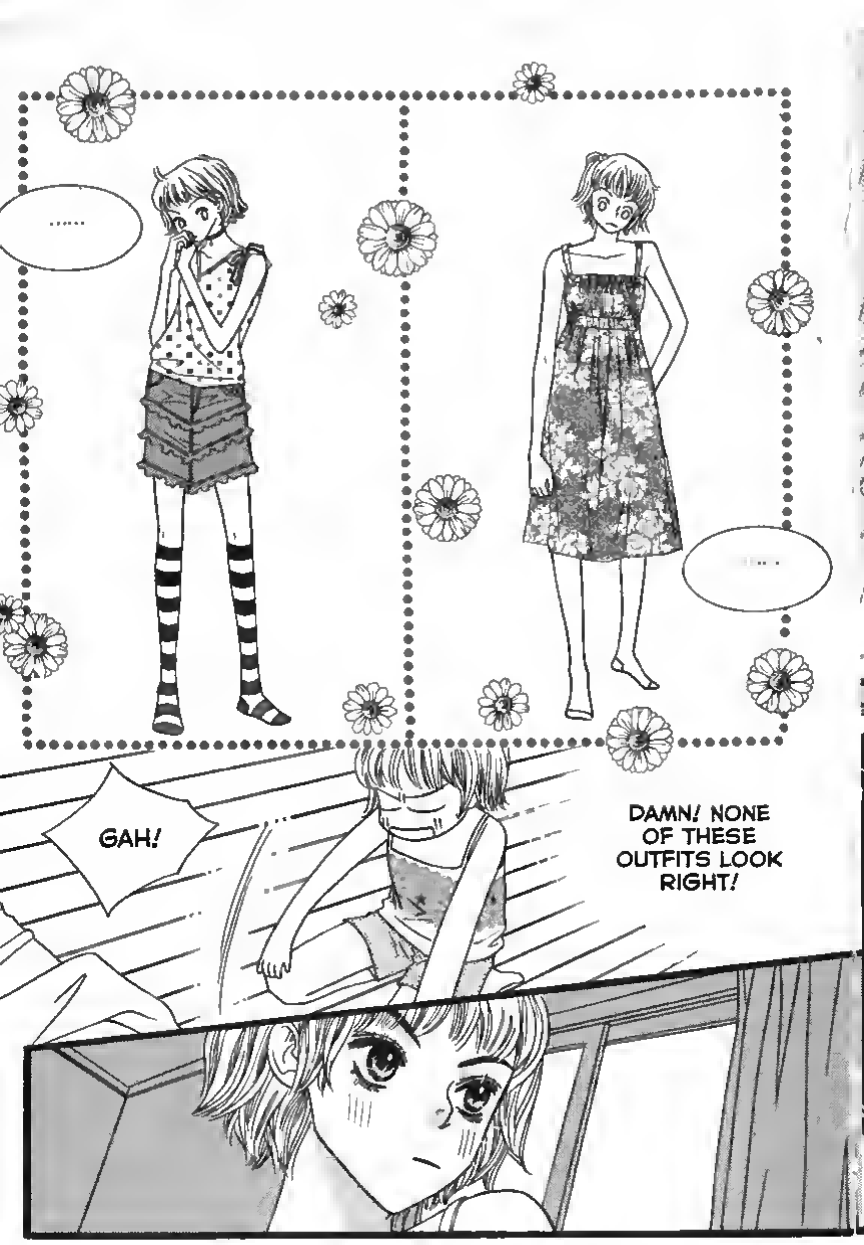
pant
THERE SHE IS!
WHY ARE THEY DOING THIS TO ME?!
I HATE RUNNING!
I don't even run in gym class!

Lottoria
HEERACK!
SAVE ME!
HELLO THERE, PRETTY AND RICH STUDENT... ♡
Ha-ha!
WHAT SHOULD I DO? THESE SLIPPER CLUB MEMBERS KEEP CHASING ME AROUND EVERYWHERE!
I HAVE ZERO INTEREST IN THEM, BUT THEY KEEP FOLLOWING ME LIKE FLIES!

IT'S BECAUSE YOU'RE THE FIRST LADY NOW.
IF I CAPTURE YOUR HEART I CAN BECOME PRESIDENT OF THE SLIPPER CLUB.
WELL THEN, WHY AREN'T YOU DOING ANYTHING ABOUT IT?
LIKE WHAT?
LIKE, YDU KNOW, APPROACHING ME?
I HAVE ABSOLUTELY NO DESIRE TO HDLD SUCH A POSITIDN.
AND YDU BECDMING FIRST LADY--I DON'T THINK THAT'S A GREAT TURN OF EVENTS EITHER.
WHY NOT? BECAUSE IT MEANS YDUR PRECIDUS MIYDUL CAN'T BE?!
NO, IT'S NOT LIKE THAT...
WHAT ARE THOSE TWO DOING?
I MEAN, I'VE CERTAINLY MADE IT CLEAR THAT I LIKE--
YOU'D BE ABLE TD BECDME THE SLIPPER CLUB PRESIDENT!
HA! OUR STDRE'S VERY OWN CELEBRITY!
SEE, SLIPPER CLUB MEMBERS ARE FORBIDDEN FRDM DATING ANYONE EXCLUSIVELY.
IT WDULD DESTROY THE CLUB'S REPUTATIDN AS PLAYERS.
INSTEAD, MEMBERS ARE EXPECTED TD SEE LDTS DF GIRLS AT DNCE.

DON'T YOU SEE, ROSA? NACHSUNG'S FIRST LADY IS NOTHING BUT A GOOD-LOOKING FACADE.
EVEN IF SHE'S OFFICIALLY AN ITEM WITH THE CLUB'S PRESIDENT, SHE'S OFFICIALLY A FOOL, TOO!
YOU DON'T WANT AN ARRANGEMENT LIKE THAT, DO YOU?
IF YOU DON'T LIKE THE STUPID RULE, ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS NOT PICK ANYONE FOR A WEEK. EVERYTHING WILL BE NULLIFIED!
Death to the Slipper Club!
1 CHE ROSA
2 BAN MIYOUL
3 KIM NINA
4 KANG SUJUNG
5 CHA HANWOOK

WHICH JOKER DID THAT?
PRINCE HEERACK. ISN'T HE CUTE?
HE REFUSED TO VOTE FOR THE CANDIDATE THAT HE NOMINATED!
LOOKS LIKE HE'LL DEFEND MIYOUL TO THE END, DOESN'T IT? WELL, WHATEVER.
THROW THAT PIECE OF PAPER AWAY.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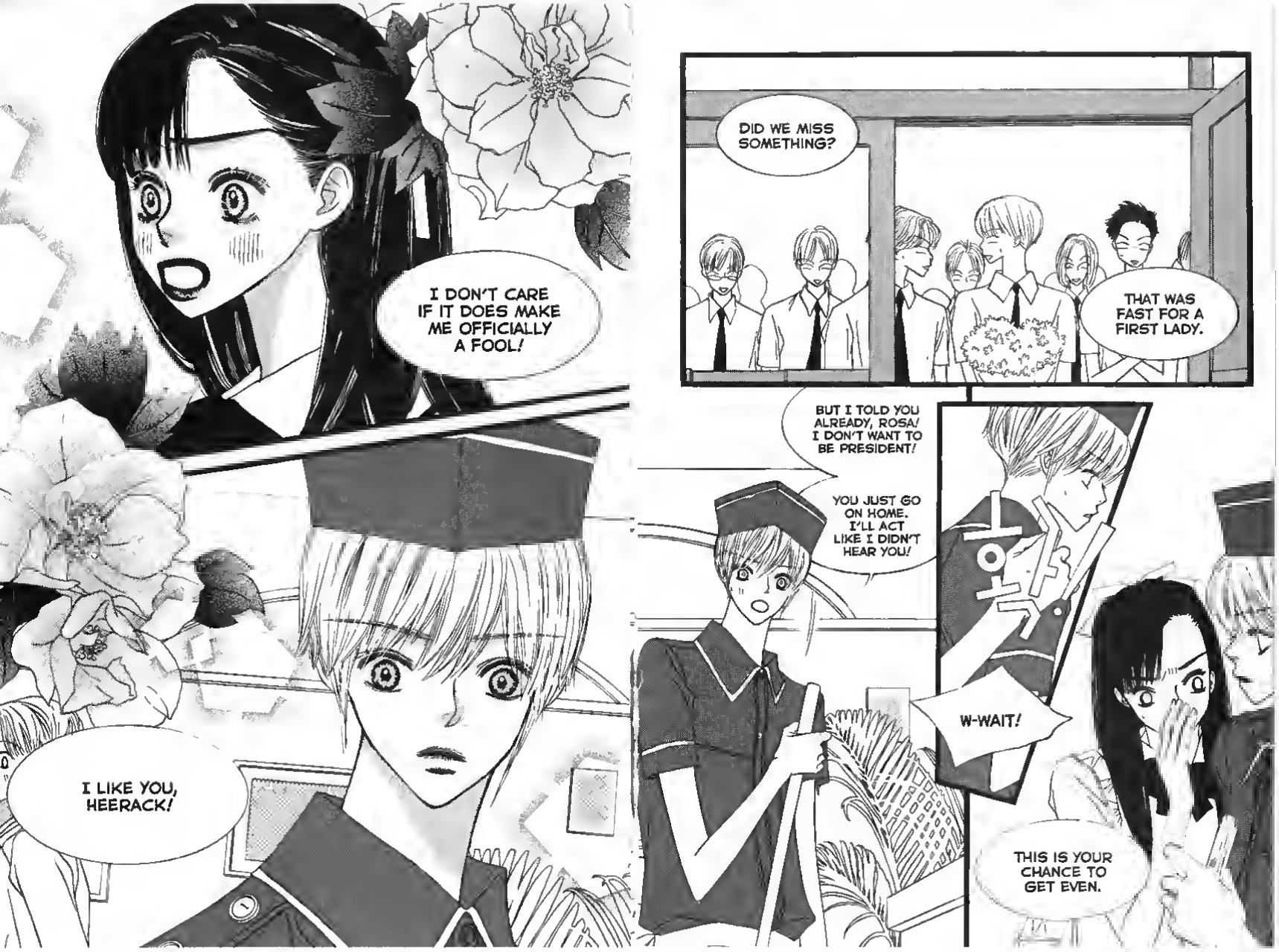
GAH!
DAMN! NONE OF THESE OUTFITS LOOK RIGHT!

THE LOTTERIA, RIGHT ...?
SHE WENT THAT WAY!
Lott
FOUND HER! SHE'S RIGHT THERE!
OH NO! HEERACK'S WITH HER!

I CAN'T HELP IT! I LIKE YOU!
ROSA! ♡


I DON'T CARE IF IT DOES MAKE ME OFFICIALLY A FOOL!
I LIKE YOU, HEERACK!
DID WE MISS SOMETHING?
THAT WAS FAST FOR A FIRST LADY.
BUT I TOLD YOU ALREADY, ROSA! I DON'T WANT TO BE PRESIDENT!
YOU JUST GO ON HOME. I'LL ACT LIKE I DIDN'T HEAR YOU!
W-WAIT!
THIS IS YOUR CHANCE TO GET EVEN.

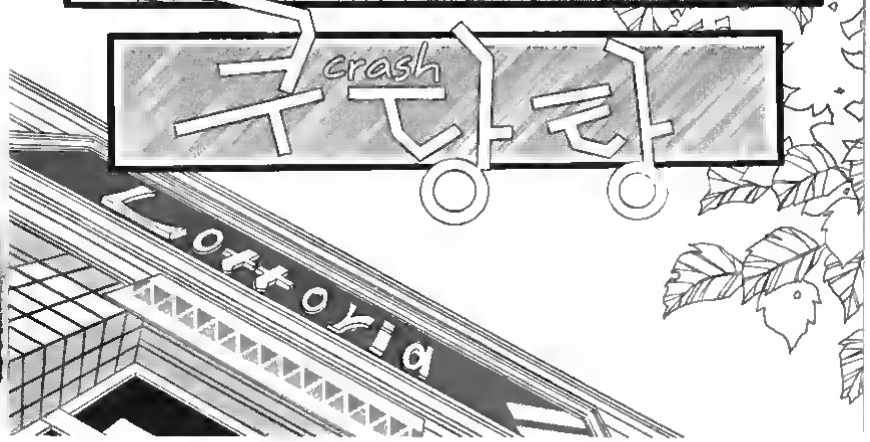
THAT'S WHY I WANT...
...TO MAKE YOU PRESIDENT!
IF I WERE YOU, I WOULDN'T LET GUELIN OFF SCOT-FREE RIGHT WHEN THERE'S A CHANCE TO EVEN THE SCORE.
DON'T YOU FEEL THE SLIGHTEST BIT WRONGED BY GUELIN?
TAKE IT FROM HIM!
THE PRESIDENCY AND WHATEVER ELSE YOU CAN--TAKE EVERYTHING!
AM I RIGHT?
AND COULD CRAZY-TO-BECOME-FIRST-LADY MIYOUL...
...CARE ABOUT YOU THIS MUCH?!

I HAVE TO GET BACK TO WORK.
NO! EVEN IF I WERE TO GO ALONG WITH THAT...
...YOU'D JUST END UP MISERABLE AND EMBARRASSED, ROSA.
C'MON, HEERACK!
SO, DID I MANAGE TO DRESS MORE FEMININE?
I HOPE IT'S NOT TOO OBVIOUS, THAT'D BE MORE EMBARRASSING.
Flower snatched off a flower cart
HEERACK! YOU'RE MINE!
Ehehl
HEERACK HAS TO SMILE WHEN HE SEES HOW PRETTY I LOOK!
Lottoria

ottoria
WHY ARE ALL THOSE PEOPLE MILLING AROUND?
THEY'RE MAKING ME NERVOUS.

LEAVE HIM ALONE, KIDS!
SNIFF! BOSS EVERYONE LOVES HEERACK!

WHOA!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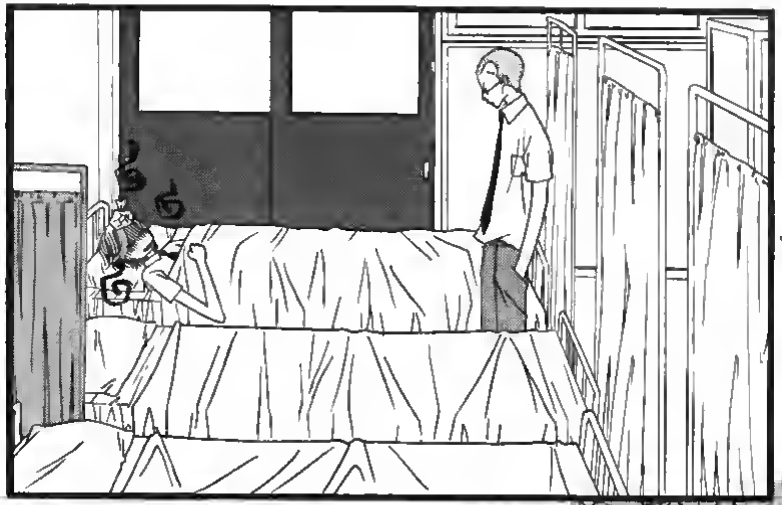
THIS IS...
...IMPOSSIBLE!
WHY ARE THOSE TWO...

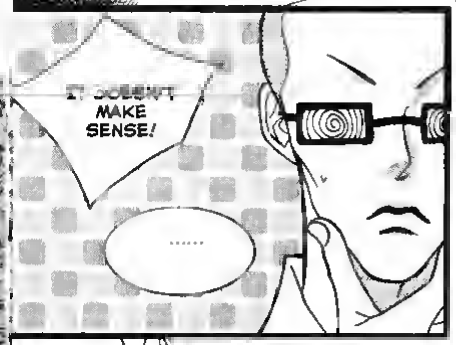
THAT STUPID HEERACK!
JUST A FEW MONTHS AGO, HE WAS TELLING ME "I LIKE YOU," AND NOW...
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT, DEAR?
IS SOMETHING WRONG?
WHAT'S IT TO YOU?!

I-I ONLY MEANT...
WHAT BAD MANNERS THAT YOUNG LADY HAS!
YOU'RE KIDDING!
HOW CAN THEY CONSIDER THAT DISPLAY VALID? AND AT THE LOTTERIA?! THAT SHOULD BE DISQUALIFIED!
JUNGHAN! SAY SOMETHING!
DON'T YOU THINK I'M RIGHT?!
UM, WELL... ABOUT THAT...
THE THING IS, THE MAJORITY OF THE SLIPPER CLUB WAS PRESENT, WHICH MEANS THAT...
ARGH!
GUELIN!
DON'T DIE!



BECAUSE I NEVER WANTED TO GET DUMPED AGAIN!
THAT STUPID YUMI! WHAT WAS SHE THINKING, DUMPING ME?
ME!

HOW'S THAT FOR IRONY?
REMEMBER, JUNGHAN?
REMEMBER WHO THOUGHT UP THE WHOLE RULES OF THE NACHSUNG MUTINY?
THAT'S RIGHT. NONE OTHER THAN ME.
I KNOW.
DO YOU REMEMBER WHY, JUNGHAN?


IT DOESN'T MAKE SENSE!
.....

YOU REALLY LIKE YUMI THAT MUCH?
.....

Ouch
ARE YOU CRAZY?! I'D HAVE TO BE OUT OF MY MIND TO LIKE THAT LUNATIC!

YUMI ONLY HAD EYES FOR HEERACK'S OLDER BROTHER, HEESUNG.
THEN TO BE BETRAYED BY HEESUNG'S YOUNGER BROTHER...
THE HIDEOUS IRONY OF IT ALL...
HEY YUMI. I HEARD GUELIN ACTUALLY COLLAPSED AFTER LOSING HIS SEAT AS PRESIDENT!
WHY SHOULD I CARE ABOUT THAT?
'CAUSE YOU DATED HIM. REMEMBER?
YOU CAN'T TELL ME YOU DON'T CARE AT ALL.

I HOPE YOU'RE JOKING. GUELIN'S ONE OF THE MOST EVIL PEOPLE I KNOW.
IF I COULD, I'D ERASE ALL MEMORY OF EVER DATING HIM!
He's despicable!
YEAH. NO DOUBT HE'S JUST LIKE GUELIN--THINKS HE'S GOD'S GIFT TO GIRLS, BUT UTTERLY SNEAKY, CONNIVING AND ULTIMATELY UNINTERESTING...
I FOUND OUT RECENTLY THAT HE STILL THINKS ABOUT ME.
SO I HEAR THE GUY WHO KNOCKED OFF GUELIN IS IN JUNIOR HIGH. INCREDIBLE, HUH?
GAH! IT'S OVER! I DON'T KNOW WHAT HE'S TRYING TO ACCOMPLISH.

HEESUNG, ARE YOU ASLEEP?
NOPE. COME ON IN.
CAN I TALK TO YOU FOR A MINUTE?

SOMETHING HAPPEN AT SCHOOL?

YEAH. SOMETHING WEIRD.
SOMETHING UNCOMFORTABLE.

I DON'T GET IT.
SOMETIMES IT SEEMS LIKE THE WORLD FOLLOWS ITS OWN COURSE DESPITE YOUR OWN WISHES AND EFFORTS ...
SEE, THIS GIRL I DON'T EVEN LIKE THAT MUCH STARTED DATING ME.
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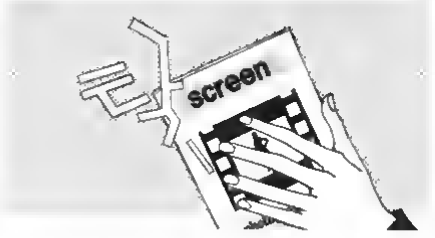
OH, I SEE. WELL, YOU CAN'T ALWAYS BE WITH THE ONE YOU LIKE, HEERACK.
WHAT? THERE WAS SOMEONE YOU ACTUALLY LIKED?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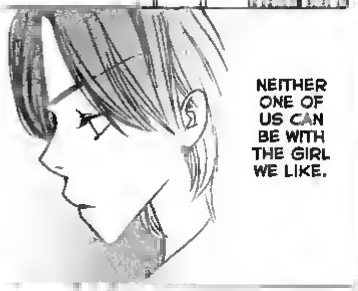
YES, THERE WAS SOMEONE I CARED FOR.
UNFORTUNATELY, IT DIDN'T WORK OUT.

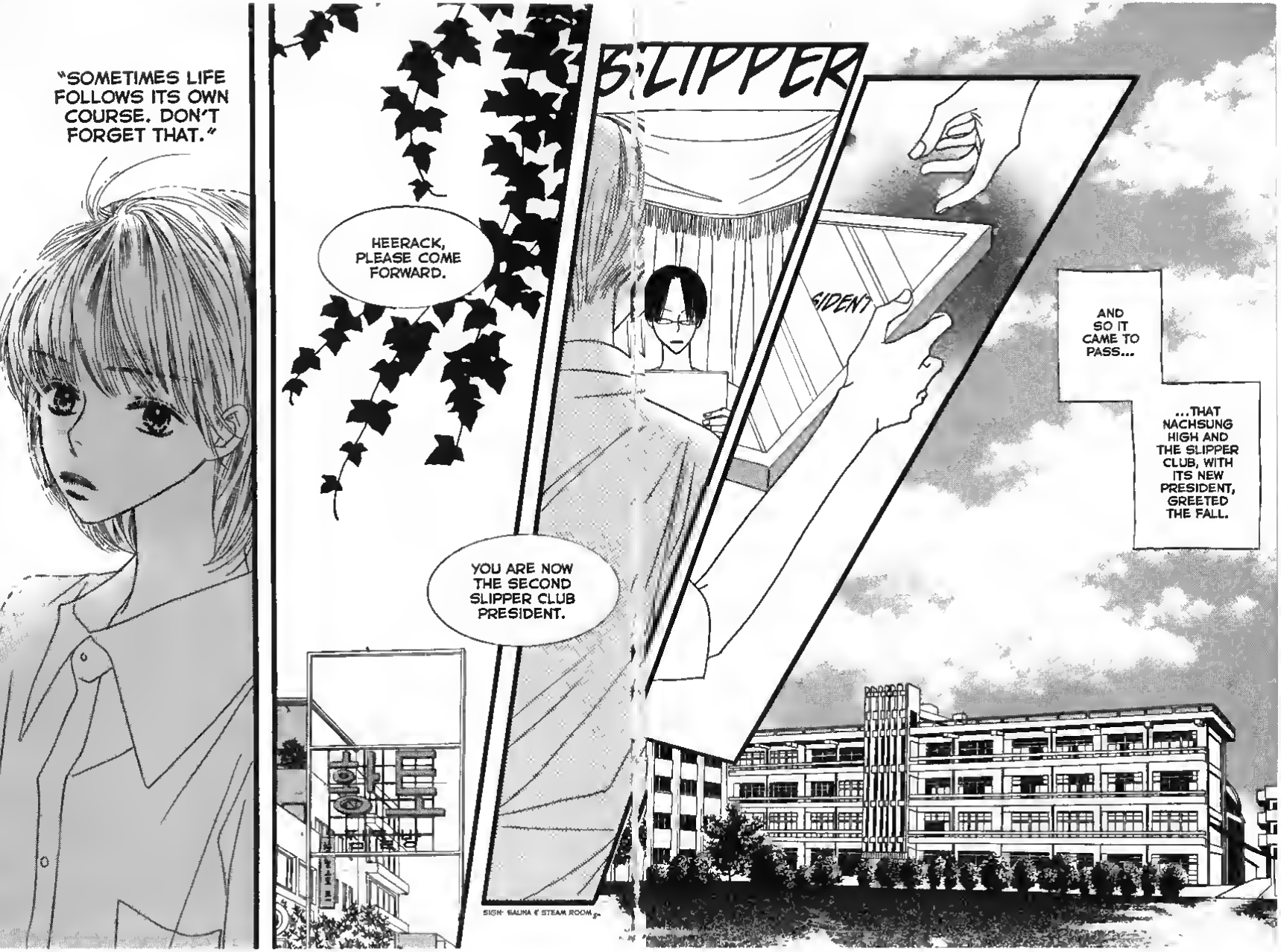
LIKE YOU SAID...
SOMETIMES LIFE FOLLOWS ITS OWN COURSE. DON'T FORGET THAT.

IT'S LATE. GO TO SLEEP.
THIS IS...
...SHOCKING.

EVERYONE SAYS HEESUNG IS NOTHING BUT A PLAYER.
BUT I GUESS HE'S JUST HUMAN.


NEITHER ONE OF US CAN BE WITH THE GIRL WE LIKE.

HE'LL PROBABLY NEVER BE WITH HER.
But then that means ..
HE SOUNDS EVEN MORE DASHING!
A player with a heart


"SOMETIMES LIFE FOLLOWS ITS OWN COURSE. DON'T FORGET THAT."
HEERACK, PLEASE COME FORWARD.
YOU ARE NOW THE SECOND SLIPPER CLUB PRESIDENT.
SLIPPER
SIDENT
AND SO IT CAME TO PASS...
...THAT NACHSUNG HIGH AND THE SLIPPER CLUB, WITH ITS NEW PRESIDENT, GREETED THE FALL.
SIGN: SAUNA & STEAM ROOM

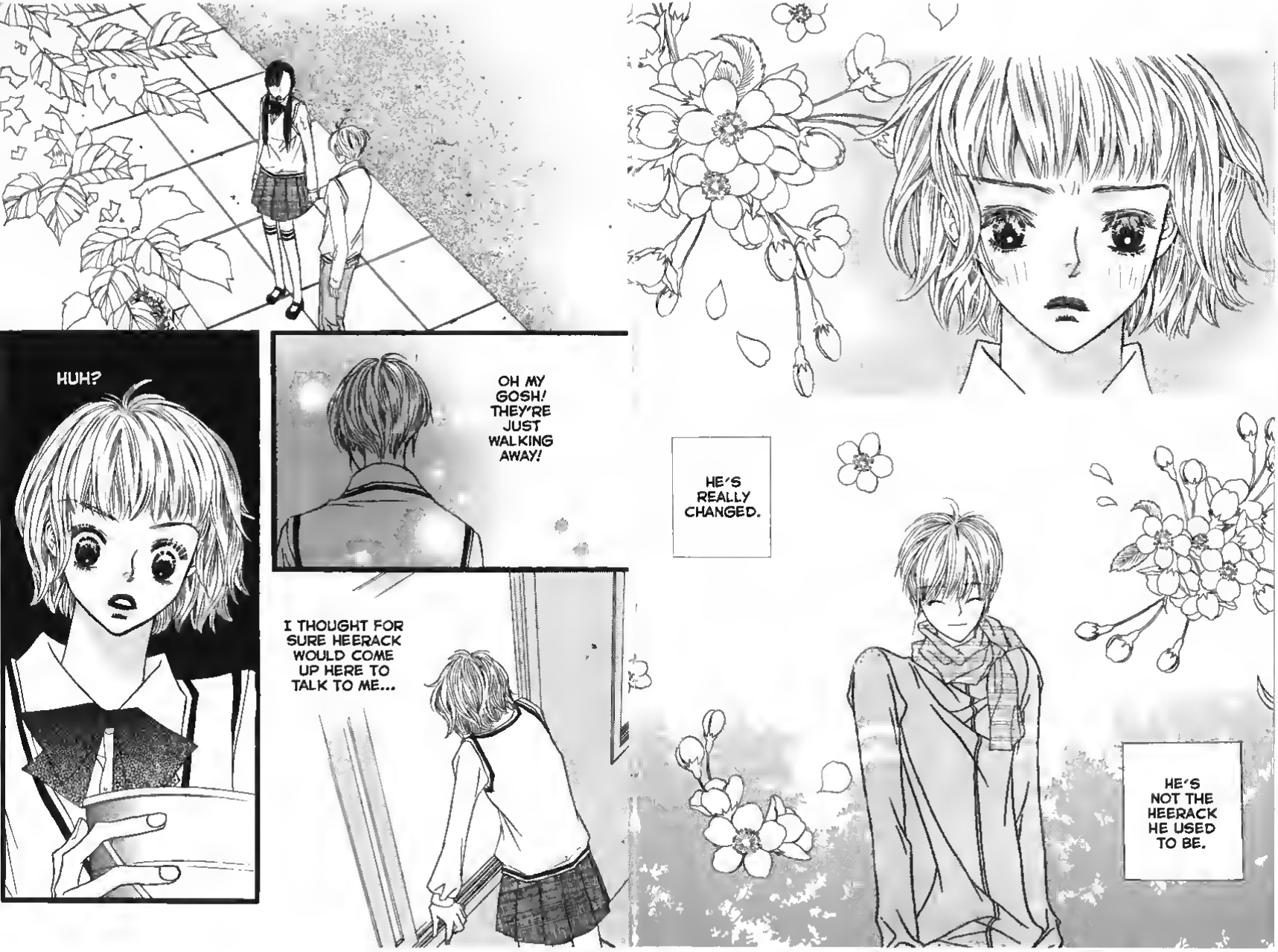
HUH?
WOW!
THEY ATE LUNCH TOGETHER.
THEY'RE EVEN TAKING WALKS TOGETHER?
ARE YOU HAPPY LIKE THIS, ROSA?
I CAN'T DO ANYTHING ABOUT YOU LIKING ME...
...BUT AT LEAST I CAN TRY TO PRESERVE YOUR REPUTATION.
HEY, WHERE'D MIYOUL GO? SHE WAS JUST HERE!
OH, HEERACK!
THEY CAME TO SCHOOL TOGETHER!

I'M SO--
....
MWA HA HA!
HOW DO YOU LIKE THE TASTE OF FRESH LAUNDRY WATER, MRS. HEERACK?!

Printemps

YOU LIKE SMELLING FRESH?!
A ROSA-ROSE HAS TO HAVE A FRAGRANCE, RIGHT?!
WHAT'S WRONG, HEERACK?
OFFER YOUR LITTLE WIFEY YOUR SHIRT AGAIN!

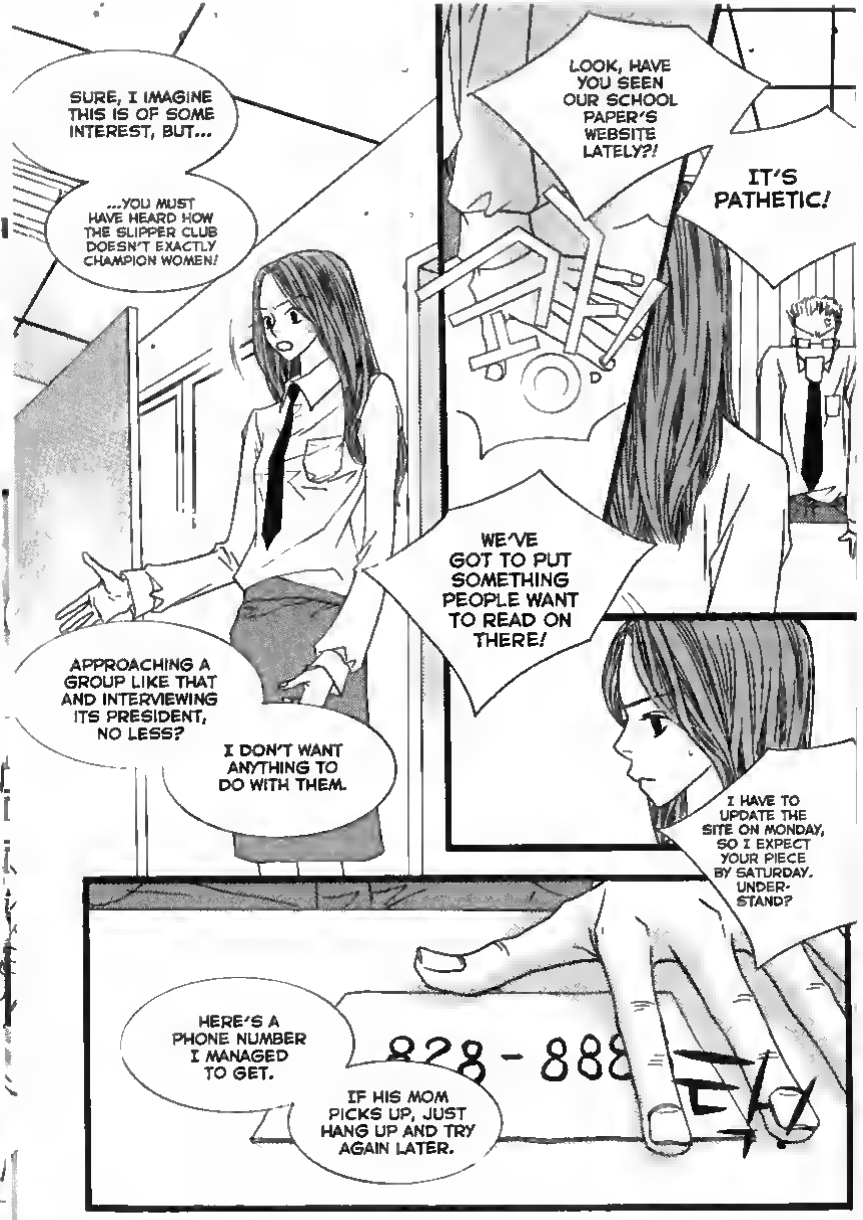
I'VE NEVER SEEN HER ACT LIKE THIS!
I DON'T UNDERSTAND!
It's so new to me
YOU CAN'T BE SERIOUS!
I BETTER GO CALM HER DOWN...
...BEFORE SOMEONE ELSE DOES!
DON'T BOTHER, HEERACK!
SHE'S JUST ACTING LIKE THIS BECAUSE I WON FIRST LADY AND SHE DIDN'T!
WHAT MAKES YOU THINK SHE'LL LISTEN, ANYWAY? DON'T TRY.
A BEAUTIFUL HERON SHOULDN'T TRED WHERE UGLY CROWS PLAY!

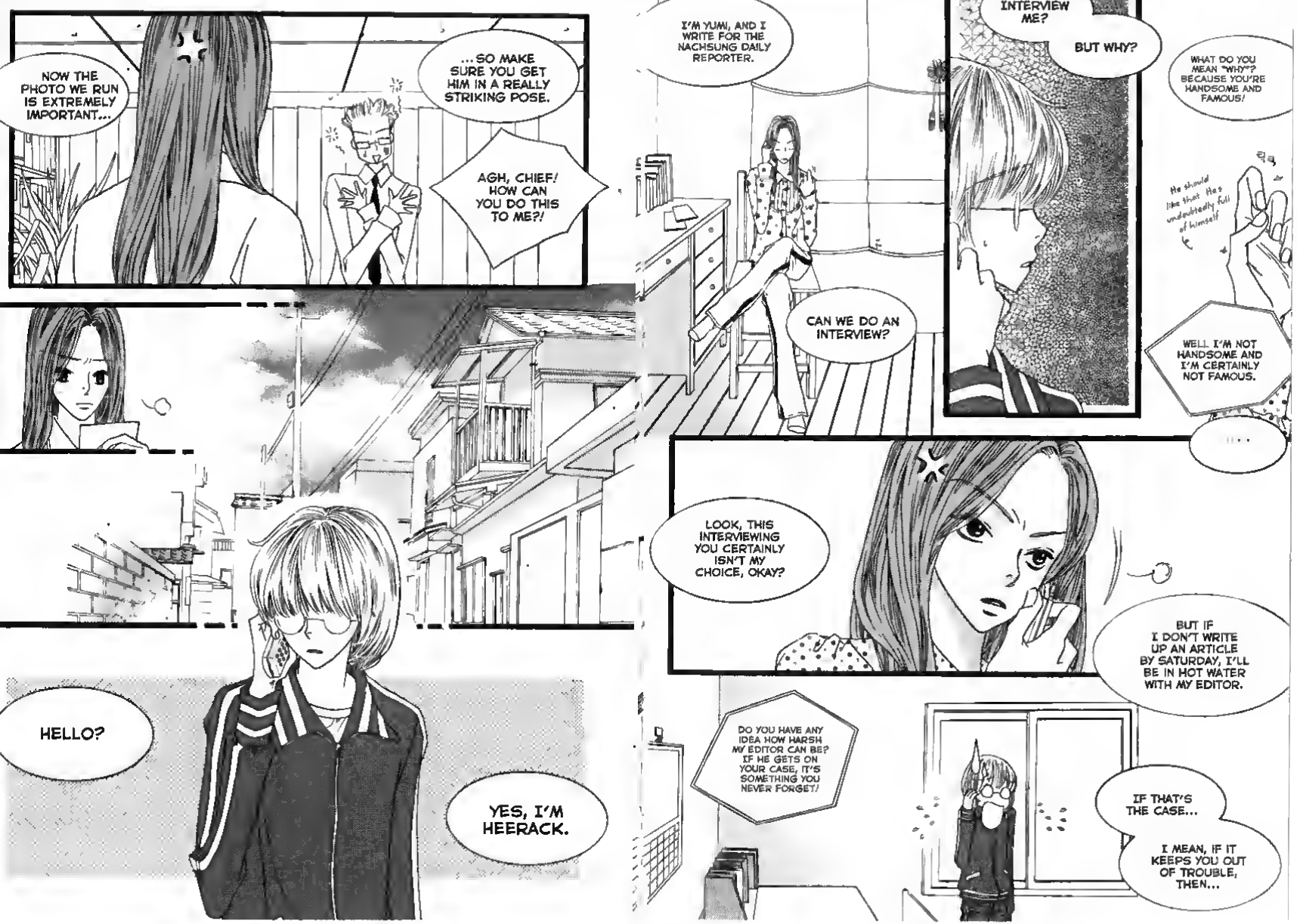

HUH?
OH MY GOSH! THEY'RE JUST WALKING AWAY!
I THOUGHT FOR SURE HEERACK WOULD COME UP HERE TO TALK TO ME...
HE'S REALLY CHANGED.
HE'S NOT THE HEERACK HE USED TO BE.

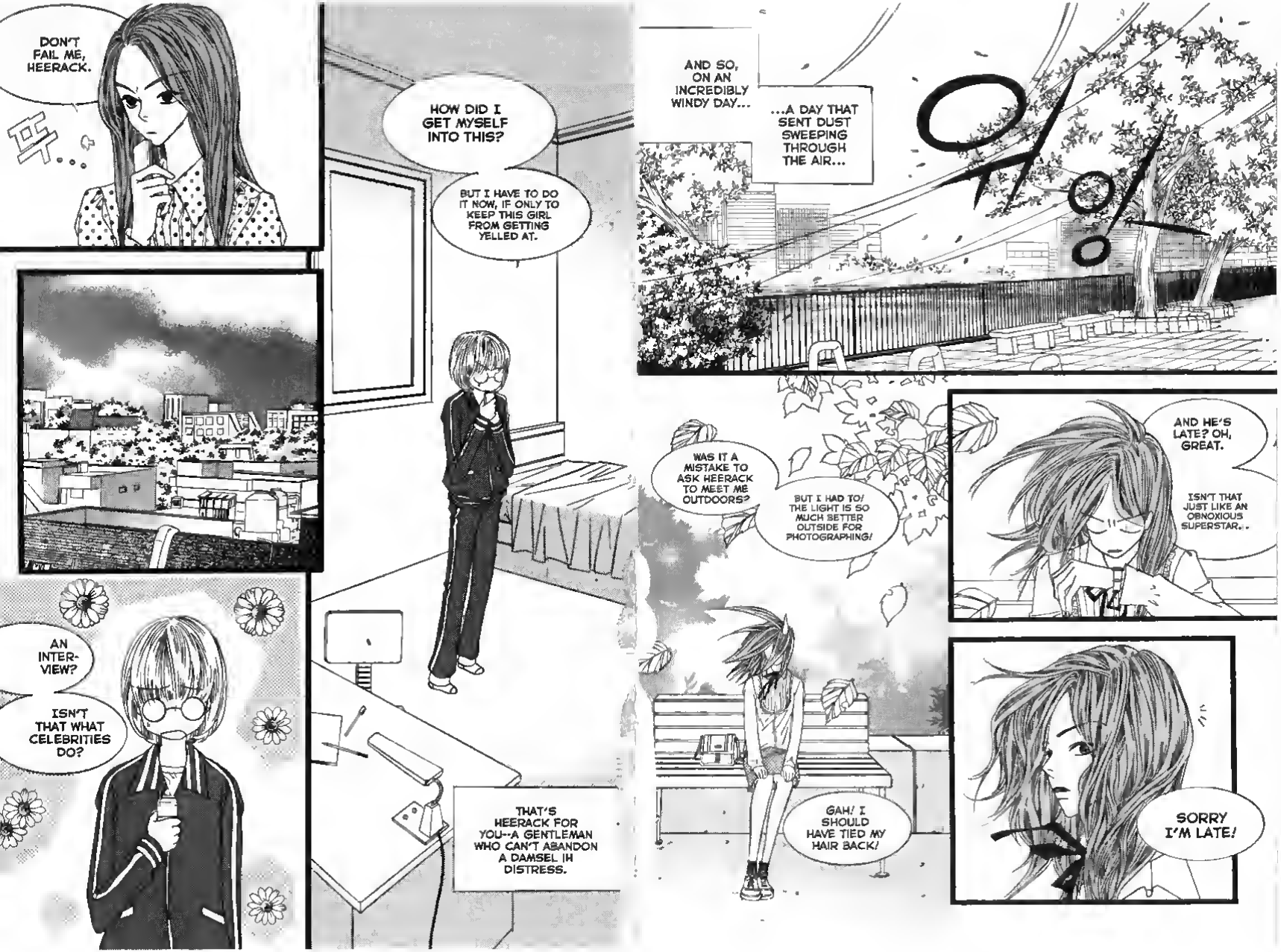
YO! PRESIDENT HEERACK!
A SECOND ONE?
CHECK YOU OUT! YOU'VE GOT YOURSELF A PRETTY FIRST LADY, THE ADORATION OF THE ENTIRE SCHOOL...
...AND YOU LOOK LIKE SOMEONE PEED IN YOUR TEA.
YOU CALLED ME OVER HERE JUST TO TELL ME THAT?
SO, UH...NOW THAT YOU'VE GOT A FIRST LADY...
...DON'T YOU THINK IT'S TIME TO GET A SECOND ONE?
THAT'S RIGHT. WE ALL SEE WHO'S FIRST, NOW WHO'S GONNA BE SECOND?
THEN THIRD, FOURTH, FIFTH AND SO ON...
NOW THAT'S A GREAT LEADER. IF YOU REALLY WANT TO BE SLIPPER CLUB PRESIDENT, YOU BETTER GET MOVING.
OTHERWISE, YOU CAN ALWAYS RESIGN...
Gasp!

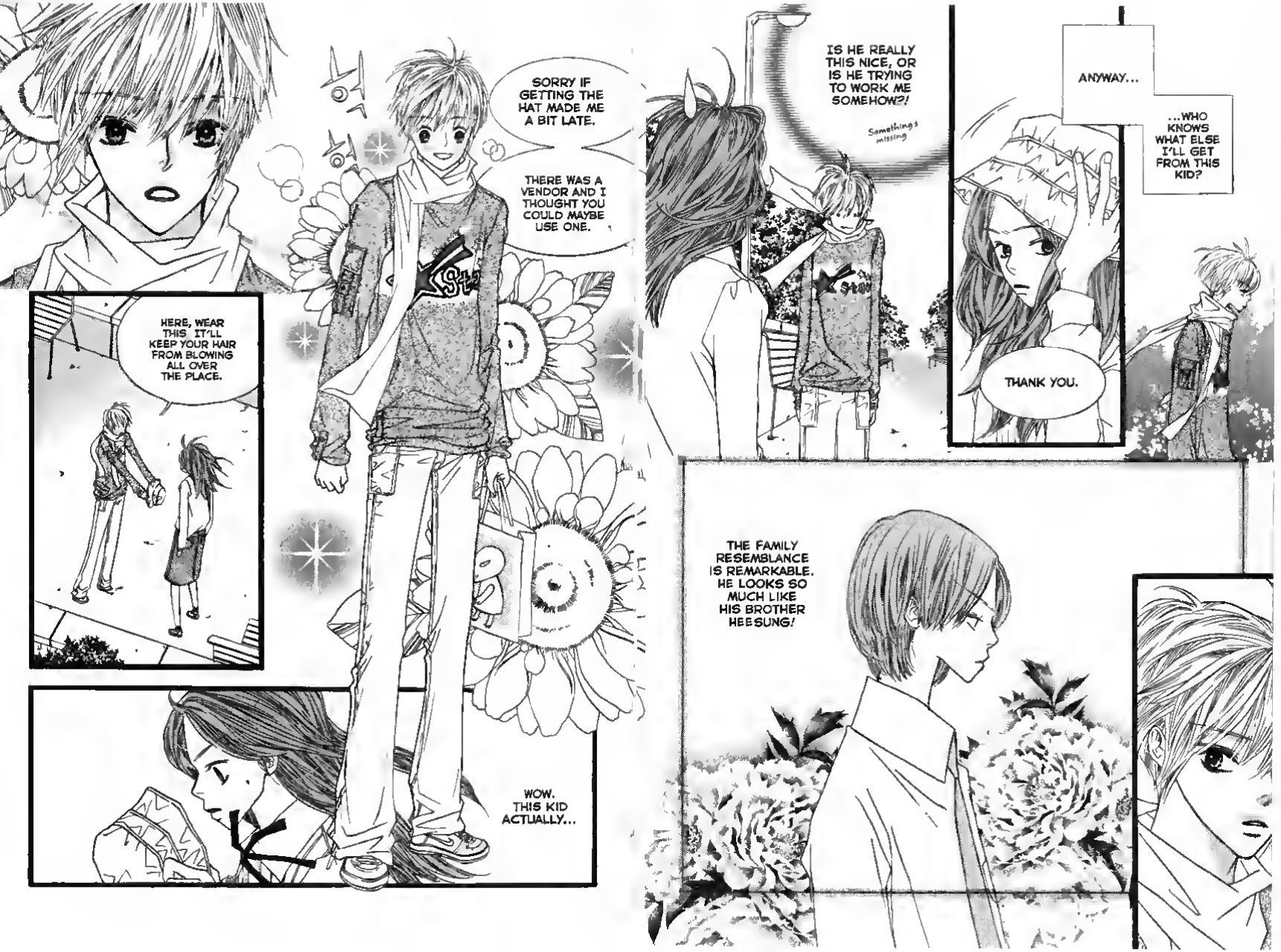
SO IS THAT WHY YOU LIKED MIYOU, GUELIN?! HUH?!
LISTEN! WHEN I LIKE A GIRL, I LIKE THAT GIRL, AND THAT GIRL ALONE!
SINCE YOU'VE NEVER TRULY LIKED ANYONE, I DON'T EXPECT YOU TO UNDERSTAND.
HONESTLY, I JUST FEEL SORRY FOR YOU.
WHO DO YOU THINK YOU ARE?!
YOU CAN'T TALK DOWN TO ME JUST BECAUSE YOU'RE PRESIDENT!
WHAT DOES THAT PUNK THINK HE KNOWS THAT I DON'T KNOW?
HEY, HAVE YOU LAID EYES ON THE NEW SLIPPER CLUB PRESIDENT?
YEAH! WHAT A STORY, RIGHT?
THAT'S ALL ANYONE'S TALKING ABOUT!
HEY, YUM! THE EDITOR-IN-CHIEF OF THE PAPER WANTS TO TALK TO YOU!
HE WANTS TO SEE YOU IN HIS OFFICE RIGHT AWAY!
COME IN!

WHAT'S GOING ON?
HEY, YOU KNOW THAT GUY HEESUNG, RIGHT?
SURE. I MEAN, EVERYONE KNOWS HIM. HE'S A LEGEND...
WHY?
HIS YOUNGER BROTHER, HEERACK, GOES TO NACHSUNG JUNIOR HIGH.
AND?
WELL, THIS HEERACK APPARENTLY TOOK OVER AS SLIPPER CLUB PRESIDENT.
I WANT YOU TO GO FIND HIM AND INTERVIEW HIM!


SURE, I IMAGINE THIS IS OF SOME INTEREST, BUT...
...YOU MUST HAVE HEARD HOW THE SLIPPER CLUB DOESN'T EXACTLY CHAMPION WOMEN!
APPROACHING A GROUP LIKE THAT AND INTERVIEWING ITS PRESIDENT, NO LESS?
I DON'T WANT ANYTHING TO DO WITH THEM.
LOOK, HAVE YOU SEEN OUR SCHOOL PAPER'S WEBSITE LATELY?!
IT'S PATHETIC!
WE'VE GOT TO PUT SOMETHING PEOPLE WANT TO READ ON THERE!
I HAVE TO UPDATE THE SITE ON MONDAY, SO I EXPECT YOUR PIECE BY SATURDAY. UNDERSTAND?
HERE'S A PHONE NUMBER I MANAGED TO GET.
828-888
IF HIS MOM PICKS UP, JUST HANG UP AND TRY AGAIN LATER.


NOW THE PHOTO WE RUN IS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT...
...SO MAKE SURE YOU GET HIM IN A REALLY STRIKING POSE.
AGH, CHIEF! HOW CAN YOU DO THIS TO ME?!
HELLO?
YES, I'M HEERACK.
I'M YUMI, AND I WRITE FOR THE NACHSUNG DAILY REPORTER.
CAN WE DO AN INTERVIEW?
INTERVIEW ME?
BUT WHY?
WHAT DO YOU MEAN "WHY"? BECAUSE YOU'RE HANDSOME AND FAMOUS!
He should like that. He's undoubtedly full of himself.
WELL I'M NOT HANDSOME AND I'M CERTAINLY NOT FAMOUS.
...
LOOK, THIS INTERVIEWING YOU CERTAINLY ISN'T MY CHOICE, OKAY?
BUT IF I DON'T WRITE UP AN ARTICLE BY SATURDAY, I'LL BE IN HOT WATER WITH MY EDITOR.
DO YOU HAVE ANY IDEA HOW HARSH MY EDITOR CAN BE? IF HE GETS ON YOUR CASE, IT'S SOMETHING YOU NEVER FORGET!
IF THAT'S THE CASE...
I MEAN, IF IT KEEPS YOU OUT OF TROUBLE, THEN...

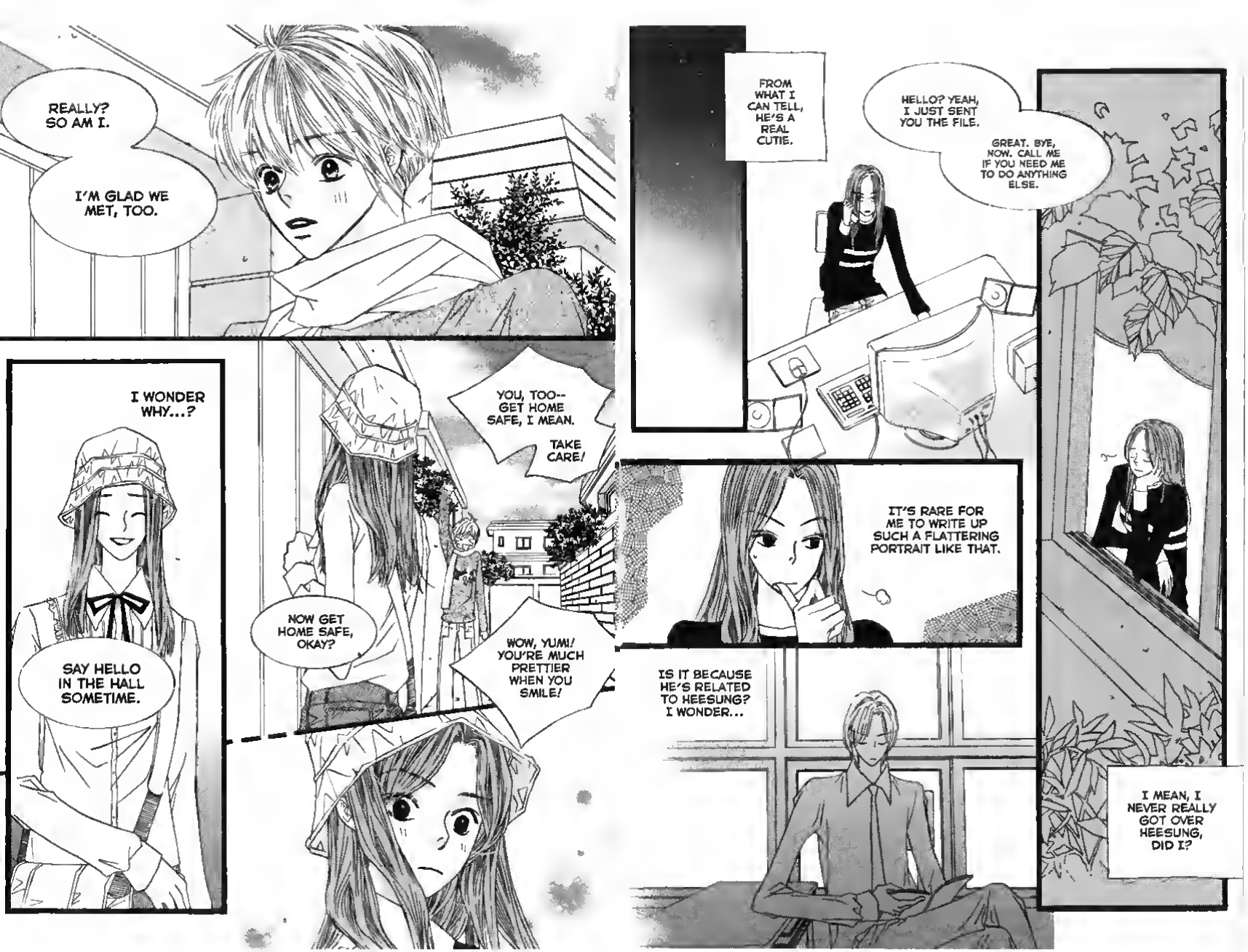

DON'T FAIL ME, HEERACK.
HOW DID I GET MYSELF INTO THIS?
BUT I HAVE TO DO IT NOW, IF ONLY TO KEEP THIS GIRL FROM GETTING YELLED AT.
AN INTER-VIEW?
ISN'T THAT WHAT CELEBRITIES DO?
THAT'S HEERACK FOR YOU--A GENTLEMAN WHO CAN'T ABANDON A DAMSEL IH DISTRESS.
AND SO, ON AN INCREDIBLY WINDY DAY...
...A DAY THAT SENT DUST SWEEPING THROUGH THE AIR...
WAS IT A MISTAKE TO ASK HEERACK TO MEET ME OUTDOORS?
BUT I HAD TO! THE LIGHT IS SO MUCH BETTER OUTSIDE FOR PHOTOGRAPHING!
GAH! I SHOULD HAVE TIED MY HAIR BACK!
AND HE'S LATE? OH, GREAT.
ISN'T THAT JUST LIKE AN OBNOXIOUS SUPERSTAR...
SORRY I'M LATE!


SORRY IF GETTING THE HAT MADE ME A BIT LATE.
THERE WAS A VENDOR AND I THOUGHT YOU COULD MAYBE USE ONE.
HERE, WEAR THIS. IT'LL KEEP YOUR HAIR FROM BLOWING ALL OVER THE PLACE.
WOW. THIS KID ACTUALLY...
IS HE REALLY THIS NICE, OR IS HE TRYING TO WORK ME SOMEHOW?!
Something's missing
ANYWAY...
...WHO KNOWS WHAT ELSE I'LL GET FROM THIS KID?
THANK YOU.
THE FAMILY RESEMBLANCE IS REMARKABLE. HE LOOKS SO MUCH LIKE HIS BROTHER HEESUNG!

WHY ARE YOU STARING AT ME LIKE THAT?
IT'S 'CAUSE I'M FUNNY-LOOKING, RIGHT?
OH, NO. YOU'RE DEFINITELY GOOD-LOOKING. WHOEVER TOLD YOU YOU WEREN'T?
A FRIEND?
REPEAT AFTER ME THREE TIMES "I LOOK LIKE A TOAD!"
"I LOOK LIKE A TOAD!" "I LOOK LIKE A TOAD!" "I LOOK LIKE A TOAD!"
As always I did what Mayu wanted so she'd be pleased
I'M GOING TO ASK YOU A FEW QUESTIONS, AND I WANT YOU TO JUST ANSWER NATURALLY, OKAY?
I'LL TAKE PICTURES AS WE TALK.
OKAY.
HOW DID YOU FIRST JOIN THE SLIPPER CLUB?
UM, I DIDN'T REALLY KNOW I WAS JOINING...
WHEN IT COMES TO GIRLS, WHAT'S YOUR TYPE?
WELL...
I GUESS I LIKE PEOPLE WHO ARE SIMPLE AND HONEST.

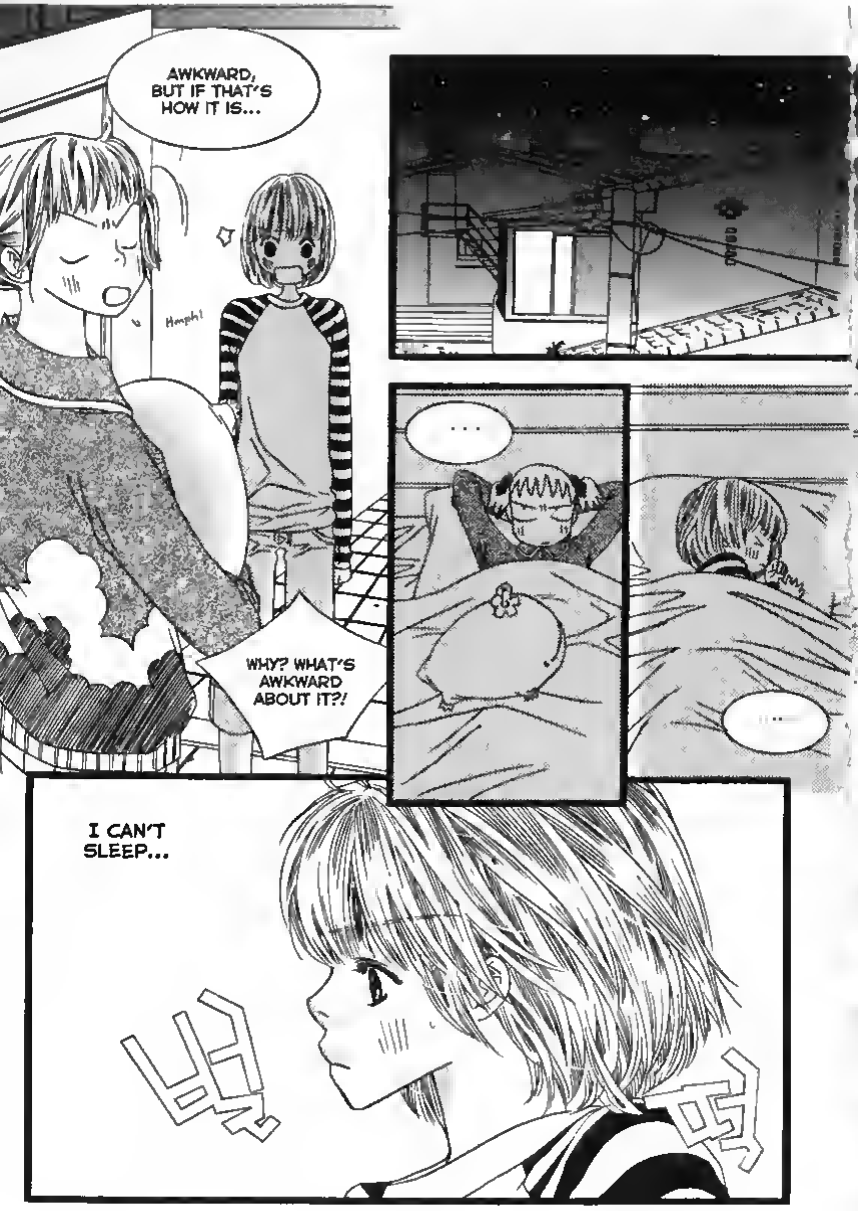
AGH!
NOTHING. SOME DUST JUST BLEW INTO MY EYES!
WHAT HAPPENED?
I CAN'T OPEN THEM! GAH!
NO, NO! DON'T RUB IT IN!
LET ME SEE.
바르라
Ouch!
IS IT OUT?
YEP. THANKS.
찰그
Heh heh!
OUR WEBSITE'S GOING TO BE HOPPING ONCE PEOPLE SEE THIS!

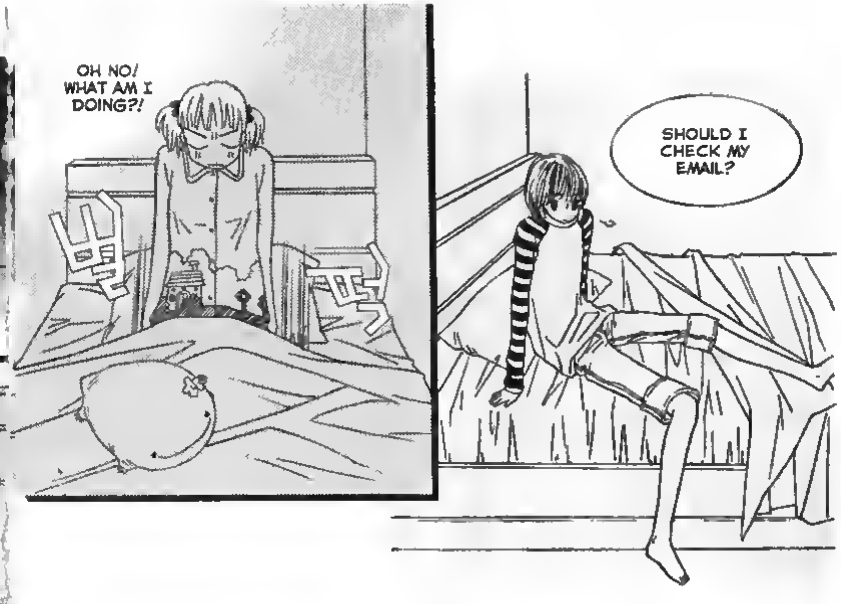
WHAT DO WE DO? MY EYES ARE BLOODSHOT/ BUT IF YOU CAN'T TAKE MY PICTURE, WON'T YOUR EDITOR CHEW YOU OUT?
WE'LL JUST HAVE TO USE THE ONE SHOT I ALREADY GOT.
COULD IT BE THAT HE...
IS THAT WHY HE LET HIMSELF BE INTERVIEWED?
WELL, THANKS.
NO, NO. I'M GLAD I COULD BE OF HELP.
I'LL WRITE UP A NICE ARTICLE. DON'T WORRY
SAME GOES FOR THE PHOTO, TOO.
I CAME OFF PRETTY MEAN AT FIRST, DIDN'T I? TO TELL THE TRUTH, I GUESS I HAD CERTAIN IDEAS ABOUT THE SLIPPER CLUB.
BUT YOU'RE DIFFERENT, HEERACK.
I'M IMMUNE TO MEAN PEOPLE.
DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT.
ANYHOW, I'M GLAD WE MET.


REALLY? SO AM I.
I'M GLAD WE MET, TOO.
I WONDER WHY...?
SAY HELLO IN THE HALL SOMETIME.
YOU, TOO-- GET HOME SAFE, I MEAN.
TAKE CARE!
NOW GET HOME SAFE, OKAY?
WOW, YUM! YOU'RE MUCH PRETTIER WHEN YOU SMILE!
FROM WHAT I CAN TELL, HE'S A REAL CUTIE.
HELLO? YEAH, I JUST SENT YOU THE FILE.
GREAT. BYE, NOW. CALL ME IF YOU NEED ME TO DO ANYTHING ELSE.
IT'S RARE FOR ME TO WRITE UP SUCH A FLATTERING PORTRAIT LIKE THAT.
IS IT BECAUSE HE'S RELATED TO HEESUNG? I WONDER...
I MEAN, I NEVER REALLY GOT OVER HEESUNG, DID I?

MIYOUL, I'M SPENDING THE NIGHT AT THE OFFICE.
JUST SLEEP OVER AT HEERACK'S, OKAY? HIS MOM ALREADY KNOWS.
ON A SUNDAY?
MS. YOU-KNOW-WHO MISSED HER DEADLINE AGAIN.
BEHAVE YOURSELF OVER THERE.
ROSA CLINGS TO HIM EVERY SECOND OF THE DAY AT SCHOOL. I HAVEN'T HAD A CHANCE TO SPEAK TO HIM AT ALL!
WOW! A SLEEPOVER AT HEERACK'S?

FINALLY! TONIGHT'S MY BIG CHANCE!
THANK YOU, MS. YOU-KNOW-WHO!
NICE TO SEE YOU AGAIN.
THANKS SO MUCH FOR LETTING ME SLEEP OVER.
IT'S NO TROUBLE, MIYOUL.
TALLER EVERY DAY!
WE'RE GLAD TO HAVE YOU. JUST THINK OF THIS AS YOUR OWN HOME, MIYOUL.
HEERACK WILL SLEEP IN HEESUNG'S ROOM, AND YOU CAN TAKE HEERACK'S.


AWKWARD, BUT IF THAT'S HOW IT IS...
Hmph!
WHY? WHAT'S AWKWARD ABOUT IT?!
...
...
I CAN'T SLEEP...

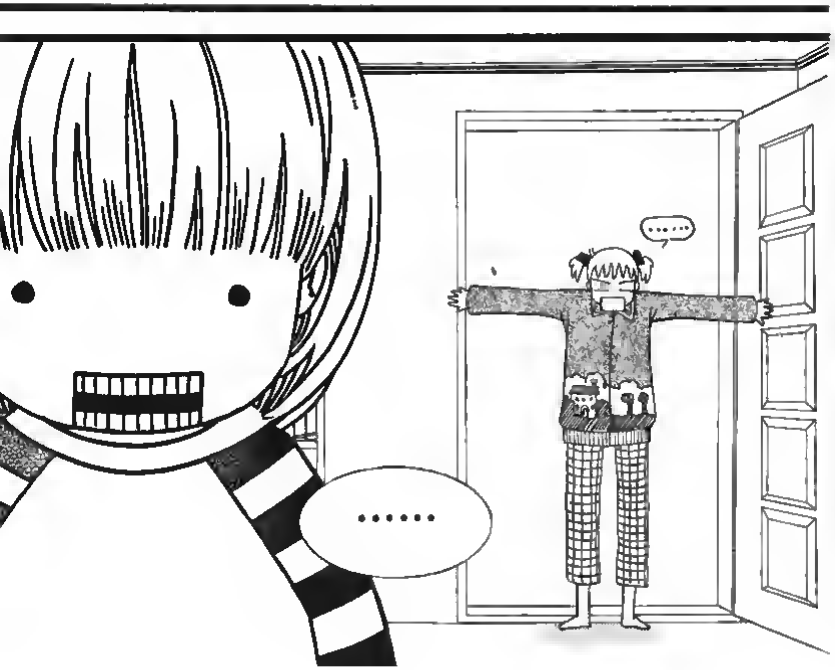

OH NO! WHAT AM I DOING?!
SHOULD I CHECK MY EMAIL?

NO...
HEERACK HASN'T BEEN VERY NICE TO ME LATELY.
SOMETHING ABOUT THE WAY HE'S ACTING IS ALMOST MAKING ME SHY...

SHY? THAT'S CRAZY! THAT'S NOT LIKE ME AT ALL!
YUMI SAID THEY'RE GOING TO UPDATE THE SITE...
BUT SHE SAID MONDAY, RIGHT?
Breaking News!
he Life of a President"
"THE LIFE OF A PRESIDENT"?! WHAT'S THAT SUPPOSED TO MEAN?
HUH? THERE'S A LOT OF COMMENTS ALREADY.
HAVE COURAGE, MIYOUL! BE BRAVE! AND HURRY UP!
HEY, HEERACK! LISTEN! THE THING ABOUT ME--

Breaking News!

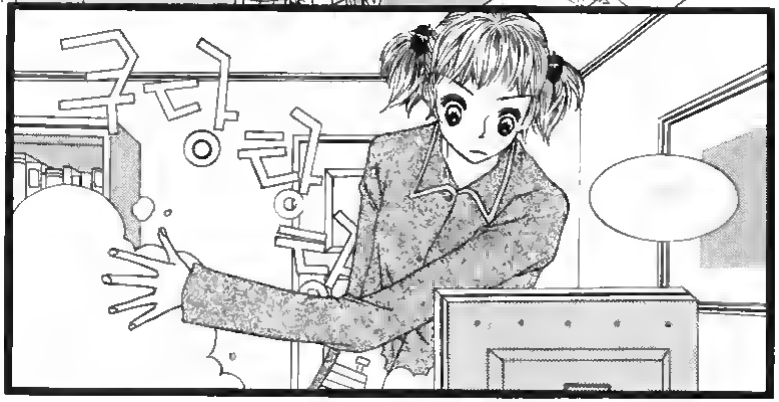
Profile: Woo Heerack, Slipper Club President and student
Recently, Woo Heerack, at the remarkably young age of 15, successfully overthrew the Slipper Club's first president, Ghun Guelin, age 18, by winning the favor of Nachsung's First Lady. Our reporter recently sat down with Heerack, who happens to be the younger brother of Nachsung's legendary Casanova, Heesung.

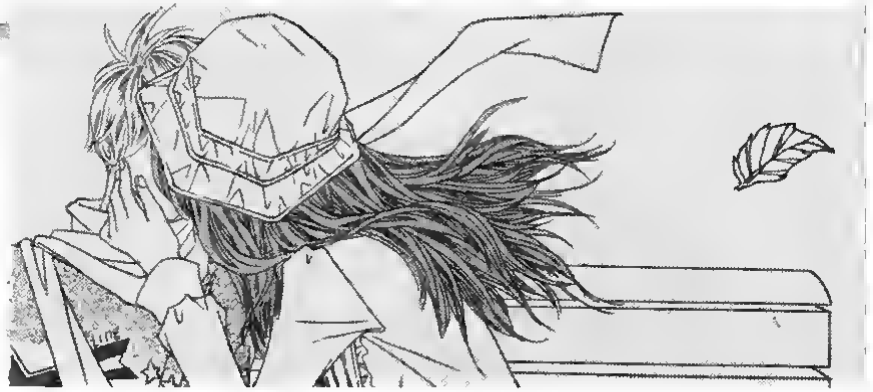


WHY ARE YOU USING THE INTERNET IN THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT?
NO! DON'T COME THIS WAY!
DON'T YOU THINK THAT'S A LITTLE SUSPICIOUS?
Supposedly about the room to hungry

MIYOUL REALLY IS THE LAST PERSON...

STEP ASIDE, YOU DORK.
YOU REALLY ARE A WEIRDO, YOU KNOW?
OH NO!
I DON'T WANT YOU TO SEE, MIYOUL!

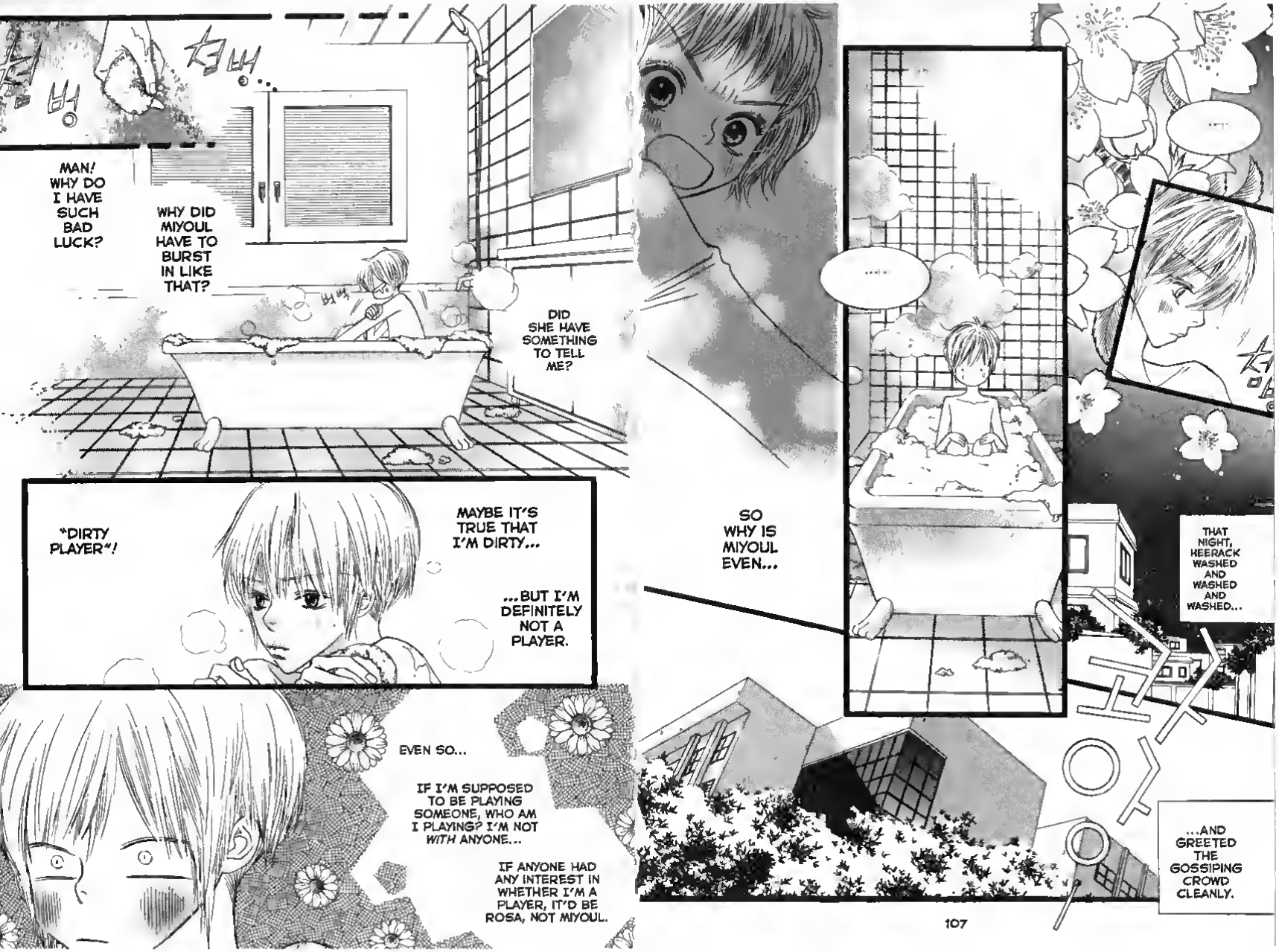




SHOULD I TRY TO EXPLAIN IT?
BUT WHY? I DIDN'T DO ANYTHING?
SHE'S PROBABLY NOT INTERESTED IN HEARING IT ANYWAY...
MISSUS WOO! COME IN HERE AND LOOK AT THIS!
HEERACK'S DOING EXACTLY THE SAME THING THAT HEESUNG GOT FAMOUS FOR!
THERE WAS DUST IN MY EYES! I SWEAR!
I'M GONNA TELL...
HUH?
I'M GONNA TELL YOUR MOM!

WHAT ARE YOU DOING, MIYOUL?! THAT'S NOT TRUE!
HEERACK, YOU'RE JUST A BIG PLAYER!
TAKE IT BACK!
WHAT?!
WHAT? "PLAYER"?
I'VE ONLY GRABBED ONE PERSON IN MY LIFE LIKE THAT, MIYOUL...
WHAT YOU SAID ABOUT ME!
AND THAT WAS YOU!

THAT MAKES ME FEEL WEIRD! DON'T TOUCH ME!
YOU DIRTY...
YOU DIRTY PLAYER!!
"DIRTY"?
BUT I JUST TOOK A BATH...
THAT HEERACK! FIRST YOU LIKE ME, THEN ROSA, AND NOW SOME OTHER GIRL?!
HE REALLY IS A PLAYER, HUH?
GOOD THING I KNOW. I'D'VE BEEN HUMILIATED IF I'D CONFESSED MY FEELINGS TO HIM!
SO I GUESS IT'S TRUE. LIVING NEXT TO HIM FOR SO LONG WAS A CURSE, NOT A BLESSING.
IT'S ONLY FIT THAT WHEN I NOTICE HIS GOOD QUALITIES...
...I'D NOTICE HIS BAD QUALITIES, TOO!


MAN! WHY DO I HAVE SUCH BAD LUCK?
WHY DID MIYOUL HAVE TO BURST IN LIKE THAT?
DID SHE HAVE SOMETHING TO TELL ME?
"DIRTY PLAYER"!
MAYBE IT'S TRUE THAT I'M DIRTY...
...BUT I'M DEFINITELY NOT A PLAYER.
EVEN SO...
IF I'M SUPPOSED TO BE PLAYING SOMEONE, WHO AM I PLAYING? I'M NOT WITH ANYONE...
IF ANYONE HAD ANY INTEREST IN WHETHER I'M A PLAYER, IT'D BE ROSA, NOT MIYOUL.
SO WHY IS MIYOUL EVEN...
THAT NIGHT, HEERACK WASHED AND WASHED AND WASHED...
...AND GREETED THE GOSSIPING CROWD CLEANLY.

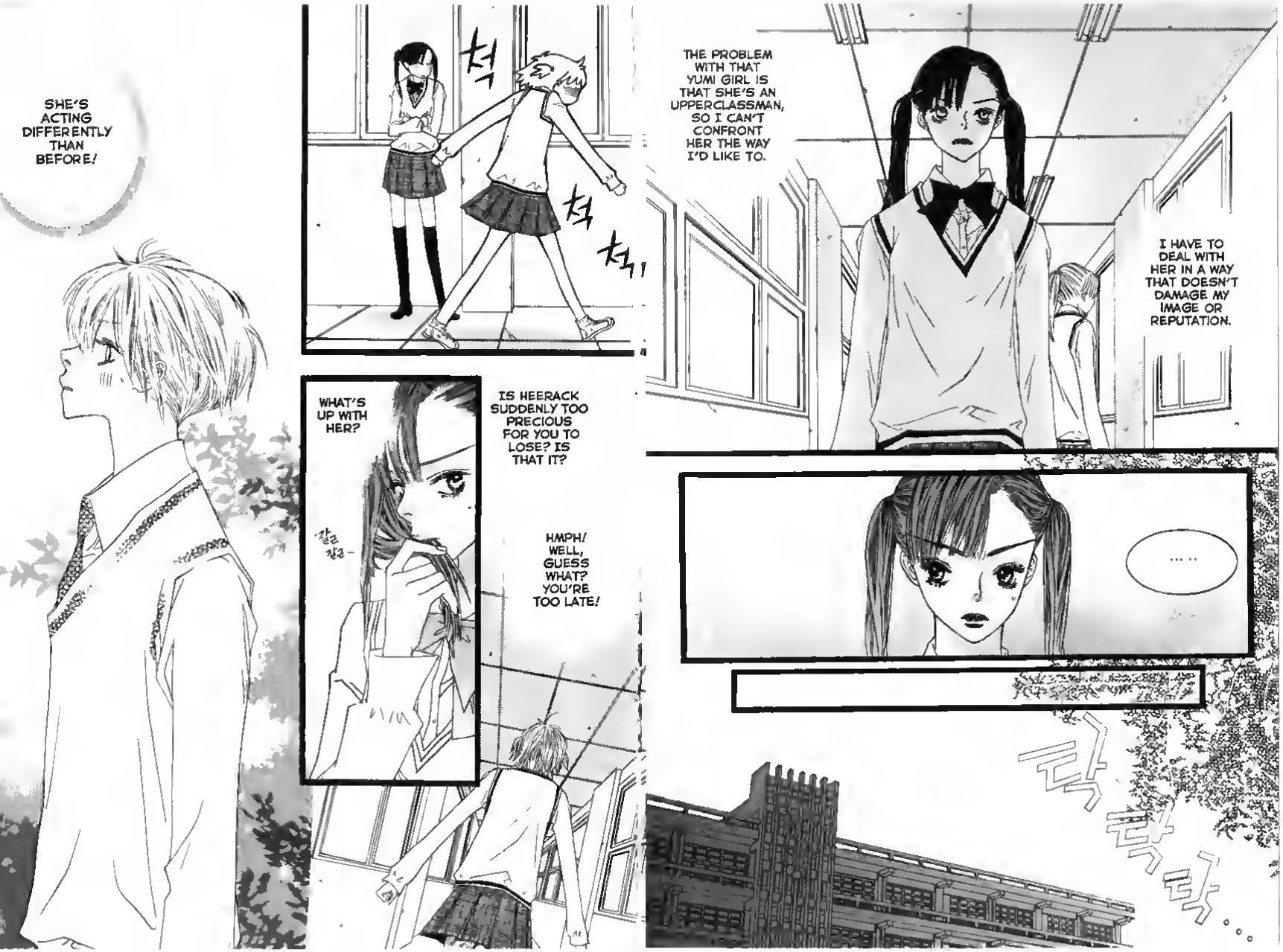
EASY, GUELIN. THE TERM "PLAYED" DOESN'T REALLY APPLY TO THIS SITUATION.
YOU HAVEN'T BEEN DATING YUMI FOR SOME TIME.
WHAT?! THAT DESPICABLE YUMI PLAYED ME AGAIN?!
SHUT UP!
THAT DAMN KID! I COULD JUST...!
UM...

DO YOU STILL LIKE YUMI?
I HAD TO ASK!
I TELL HIM TO GET A SECOND LADY AND HE GOES AFTER YUMI?
HE'S SO MUCH MORE CUNNING AND CALCULATING THAN HE LOOKS.
THE NOOSE IS TIGHTEN-ING...

I HAD NO IDEA HEERACK WAS A PLAYER LIKE THAT.
DID YOU SEE?
DUH! I SAVED IT.
I GUESS THAT'S THE DOWNSIDE OF HAVING SUCH GOOD LOOKS, HUH?
HOW COULD HEERACK DO THIS TO ME?
WHAT HAPPENED TO HIS PROMISE TO PROTECT MY REPUTATION?
LOOKING BACK, I FEEL LIKE THOSE WORDS WERE A SLAP IN THE FACE.
LOOK! LOOK WHO HE'S WITH!
THEY'RE TOGETHER!
I KNOW ALL THIS BECAUSE I'VE LIVED NEXT DOOR TO HIM FOR SO LONG.
HE'S ALWAYS BEEN LIKE THAT.
THAT'S WHY I DIDN'T BUDGE EVEN WHEN HE WAS CHASING ME AROUND ALL THE TIME, SAYING HOW MUCH HE LIKED ME.
WHERE...?
ROSA'S THE ONE WHO'S BEEN MADE TO LOOK LIKE A FOOL HERE.
Ha-ha-ha!
WHERE?

THAT WAS MY EDITOR I MADE A BIG FUSS, AND THEY FINALLY TOOK IT ALL DOWN FROM THE SITE, BUT...
...IT LOOKS LIKE THE DAMAGE IS ALREADY DONE.
EVEN THE ARTICLE I WROTE IS USELESS NOW.
I'M SO SORRY, HEERACK.
I JUST WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT THIS IS NOT WHAT I INTENDED.
IT'S OKAY, YUMI.
I'M JUST WORRIED. PEOPLE NORMALLY BLAME THE GIRL IN SITUATIONS LIKE THIS.
I DON'T MIND DEALING WITH THE FALLOUT MYSELF, SINCE I'M A MAN.
WITH A BABY-FACE LIKE THAT, HE CALLS HIMSELF A MAN!
Cute little bugger
ISN'T IT GREAT, HEERACK?
YOU'RE THE NEW GUELIN!
UGH! HEARING THAT JUST MAKES ME DEPRESSED.
IT IS KIND OF AN INSULT TO ANYONE WHO REALLY KNOWS GUELIN.
YOU KNOW GUELIN, YUMI?
OH, NO. NOT REALLY...
.....
I DATED HIM FOR JUST THE BRIEFEST MOMENT.
YET HE LOVES TELLING PEOPLE HOW I DUMPED HIM!

I COULDN'T GET AWAY FROM HIM FAST ENOUGH.
HE WAS SO SURPRISED--GUESS HE HAD A HEART BACK THEN.
Ha ha.
YEAH. HA HA...
blah
blah
smash
Gwalin was so surprised Honestly
MIYOUL, PLEASE STOP DOING THAT.
YOU'LL SMASH THE WHOLE BUILDING DOWN.
I KNEW IT!


SHE'S ACTING DIFFERENTLY THAN BEFORE!
WHAT'S UP WITH HER?
IS HEERACK SUDDENLY TOO PRECIOUS FOR YOU TO LOSE? IS THAT IT?
HMPH! WELL, GUESS WHAT? YOU'RE TOO LATE!
THE PROBLEM WITH THAT YUMI GIRL IS THAT SHE'S AN UPPERCLASSMAN, SO I CAN'T CONFRONT HER THE WAY I'D LIKE TO.
I HAVE TO DEAL WITH HER IN A WAY THAT DOESN'T DAMAGE MY IMAGE OR REPUTATION.
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ROSA HAS ALWAYS HAD A WEAKNESS FOR THE SUPERNATURAL.
LA LA LA!

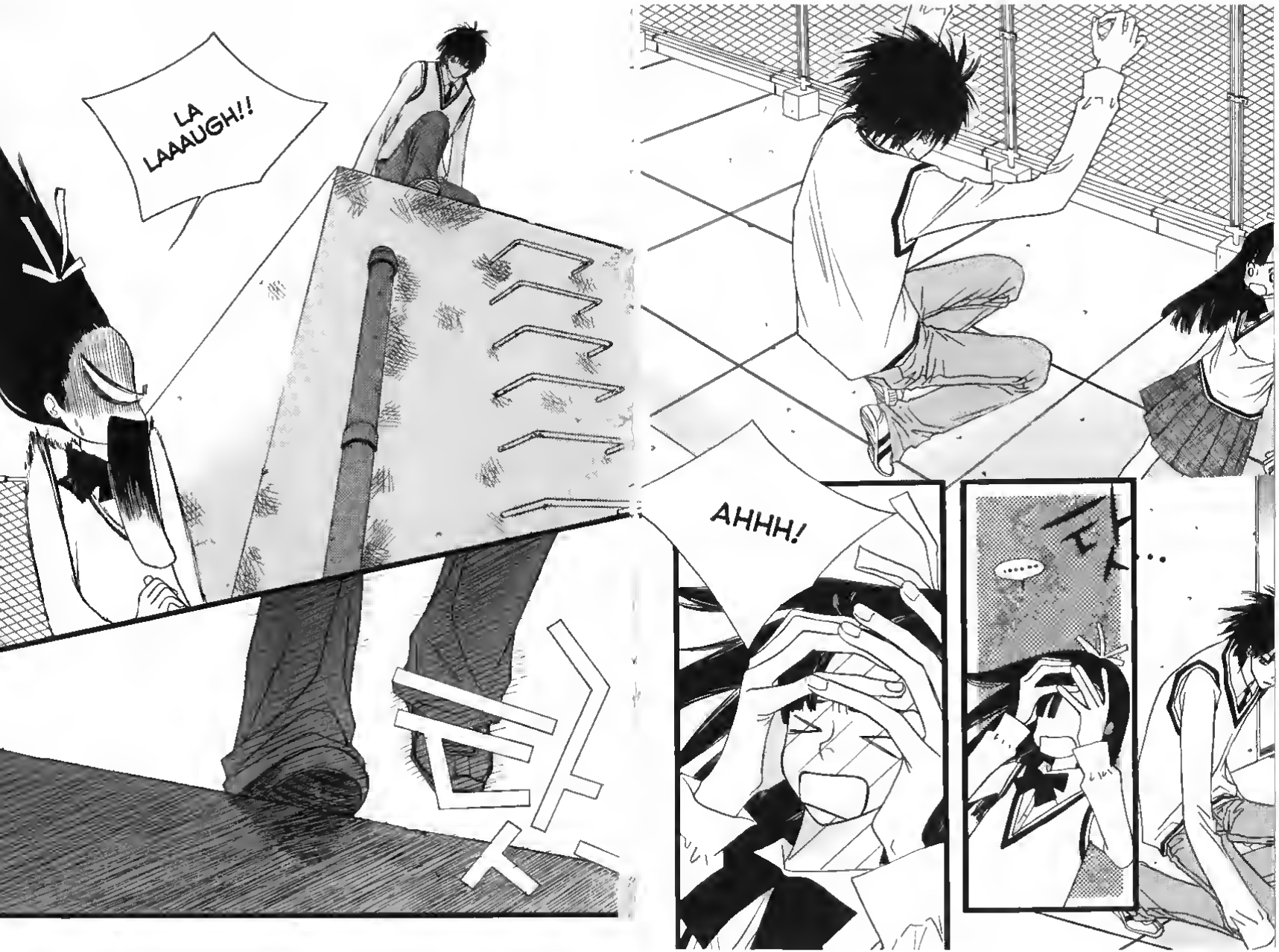
OH NO! WHY WAS I JUST SINGING THAT SONG?!
I SHOULD KNOW BETTER! THAT SONG GIVES ME BAD LUCK!
INDEED, ROSA MADE A YUMI VOODOO DOLL.
Yumi
THAT'LL DO THE TRICK!
LA LA LA!
LA LA LA!
LA LA LA!

LA LA...
AGH! I CAN'T GET THAT STUPID SONG OUT OF MY HEAD!
.....
FOUND YOU!

WHAT ARE YOU DOING IN MY CLASS?
SO... THINGS ARE LOOKING PRETTY GOOD FOR YOU RIGHT NOW.
ARE YOU ENJOYING SPENDING TIME WITH A YOUNGER MAN?
HIS BABY LIPS MUST BE EXTRA SOFT, HUH?
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
FORGET IT. I FORGOT WHAT A MISTAKE IT IS TO TALK TO ANYONE WITH ZERO MANNERS.
W-WAIT!

IF YOU REALLY ARE THAT LONELY AND DESPERATE...
...AND IF IT REALLY IS THAT HARD TO FORGET ME...
...I COULD, YOU KNOW, GIVE YOU ANOTHER CHANCE.
DID IT WORK?!
LA LA...
HEY, WHY NO ANSWER?
C'MON!
OH, I SEE. YOU'RE CLEARLY TOO OVERWHELMED TO SPEAK.
BUT INSTEAD...
slap

HE'S LOST HIS MIND.
HE'S JUST AS PETTY AND SHALLOW AS EVER.
HEY! HOW COULD YOU?!
MEANWHILE, IT'S CLEAR THAT ROSA'S VOODOO DOLL DIDN'T WORK.
WHAT?!
I DON'T UNDERSTAND! WHAT WENT WRONG?!
AGH! IT WON'T WORK! WHY WON'T IT WORK?!
LA LA LA!
Tsk
YOUR RHYTHM IS STILL OFF.
LA...


LA LAAAUGH!!
AHHH!
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I HAVEN'T HEARD THAT HIGH-PITCHED SHRIEK IN A WHILE.
IT WOULD BE NICE IF THE RHYTHM WERE RIGHT, THOUGH.
ARGH! I CAN'T STAND SUNGHUCK! HE TURNS MY STOMACH!
IT'S HIS FAULT THAT THINGS WENT BAD WITH HEERACK!
WOW. NICE TEDDY BEAR, ROSA. WHAT IS IT, SOME KIND OF FASHION STATEMENT?
THIS ISN'T A TEDDY BEAR!
IT'S A LION?
HEY!
THIS JERK! I SHOULD MAKE A DOLL OF HIM, TOO!
HMPH! SO WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE, ANYWAY?
STALKING SOMEONE? THAT'S DISTURBING.
YOU MESS UP EVERYTHING I DO!
EVEN THE YUMI VOODOO DOLL I MADE DIDN'T WORK!
ARE YOU GOING TO OWN UP AND TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR IT?!

WOULD YOU PLEASE JUST DROP THIS WEIRD INTEREST YOU SEEM TO HAVE IN ME, SUNGHUCK?!
WHAT?! I WAS MINDING MY OWN BUSINESS!
YOU WOKE ME UP...
.....
...WITH YOUR CRAZY, ATONAL SINGING.
PLUS CLASS WAS PARTICULARLY LOUD TODAY, SO I COULDN'T GET ANY SLEEP.
IT WAS A PICTURE ON THE INTERNET EVERYONE WAS TALKING ABOUT.
SEE, IT'S HEERACK. HE--
--LEFT YOU FOR YUMI?

Sniff!
I'VE BEEN WRONGED!
HOW COULD THIS HAPPEN?!
WHY DO YOU ASSUME I SHOULD CARE?
HUH?
WHY WOULD YOU THINK I WAS CURIOUS ABOUT YOUR LOVE LIFE?
WHY ARE YOU CRYING TO ME?

I'VE NEVER MET ANYONE WITH LESS REGARD FOR OTHER PEOPLE THAN YOU, SUNGHUCK!
FINE! I WON'T TALK TO YOU ANYMORE!
I HATE PEOPLE LIKE YOU MORE THAN ANYONE!
IF A GIRL IS CRYING, YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO COMFORT HER...
...YOU IDIOT!

HOW CAN SUCH A PERSON EXIST?!
ANYBODY ELSE WOULD BE GOING CRAZY TRYING TO COMFORT ME!
BUT NOT SUNGHUCK! SOMEHOW, HE ALWAYS MANAGES TO MAKE A FOOL OUT OF ME.
ROSA...!
LET ME EXPLAIN.
WHY?!

HEY, LOOK! IT'S ROSA. ONCE AGAIN AT THE CENTER OF THE SCANDAL...
SHE'S BACK WITH HEERACK! YOU KNOW WHAT THEY SAY ABOUT PLAYERS--THEY ALWAYS RETURN TO THEIR OLD FLAMES.
IT'S ALL MY FAULT, ROSA.
I HATE MAKING A GIRL CRY!
THIS SCANDAL HAS NO END, DOES IT?
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THAT YUMI PACKS A MEAN PUNCH.
I THINK I KNOW WHY HEERACK...
...IS DOING ALL THIS TO ME.
HA HA! YEAH. I'M STARTING TO REMEMBER THAT ABOUT HER.
BUT SHE SLAPPED SOME SENSE INTO ME.
HE WANTS REVENGE...
...BECAUSE MIYOUL LIKED ME INSTEAD OF HIM.
THAT'S WHY HE SEDUCED YUMI!
WHEN ARE YOU GOING TO GROW UP?
HEY! I MADE A PROMISE TO MYSELF ABOUT THAT KIND OF THING!
AN EYE FOR AN EYE, AN EAR FOR AN EAR!
HOW DARE HE TRY TO GET EVEN WITH ME BY GOING AFTER YUMI?!
UP 'TIL NOW, I THOUGHT YOUR ANTICS WERE CUTE, HEERACK. BUT THIS TIME, WE'LL SEE WHO WINDS UP CRYING...
I HAVEN'T SO MUCH AS TOUCHED YUMI'S HAND IN SUCH A LONG, LONG TIME...
DON'T ASK WHY HE'S SMILING, JUST DON'T...
sigh

Sigh...
WHAT'S THE MATTER, BOSS?
DID SOMETHING BAD HAPPEN?
Sniff...
IF WE CAN DO ANYTHING TO HELP, WE WILL.
THESE LAST FEW WEEKS HAVE BEEN THE WORST FOR US IN TERMS OF SALES!
IT'S AWFUL! PEOPLE JUST AREN'T EATING CHICKEN!
THEY'RE ALL TERRIFIED THEY'LL GET BIRD FLU!
Sniff...
EVEN THOUGH THEY'VE SAID TIME AND AGAIN THAT IF YOU COOK IT PROPERLY, IT'S JUST FINE!
AT THIS RATE, WE MAY HAVE TO CLOSE DOWN THE STORE BEFORE THE WEEK IS DONE!
AHH! AND AFTER I SANK EVERYTHING I INHERITED INTO BUYING THIS PLACE!
BOSS!
LET'S START A CAMPAIGN!
WELL, LET'S SEE... YOU KNOW HOW SOMETIMES ON TV CELEBRITIES WILL WEAR CHICKEN SUITS AND GIVE OUT FREE SAMPLES?
YEAH, BUT YOU KNOW WHAT THEY SAY.
YOU HAVE TO SPEND MONEY TO MAKE MONEY, RIGHT?!
FREE SAMPLES? BUT THAT'S LIKE THROWING MONEY AWAY!
WHAT KIND OF CAMPAIGN?
THIS MIGHT BE OUR BIG CHANCE TO TURN LEMONS INTO LEMONADE!

TASTE OUR DELICIOUS CHICKEN! FREE!
GET YOUR PRE-INSPECTED, HYGIENICALLY-PREPARED CHICKEN HERE! FULLY COOKED AND TOTALLY SAFE!
DON'T THESE SUITS SEEM A LITTLE HOT TO YOU, HEERACK?
I SUPPOSE THEY'RE A BIT WARM.
CHICKEN
SAFE

PEOPLE ARE JUST SO NARROW-MINDED!
NO ONE WANTS TO EAT MY CHICKEN!

I'M TAKING MATTERS INTO MY OWN HANDS.
YOU THERE! I'M GOING TO FEED YOU CHICKEN IF IT'S THE LAST THING I DO!
CHICKEN

BE CAREFUL!

BOSS?!
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?!
I-I'M A CHICKEN.
OOF! GET ME OUT OF THIS CHICKEN SUIT! I'M BOILING ALIVE!
I CAN'T TAKE THE HEAT ANYMORE...
ROSA?
SHE'S SORTA MY GIRLFRIEND.
ROSA AS CHICKEN...
...SOMEHOW I JUST CAN'T PICTURE IT.
WHO THEN?
WHAT AM I GONNA DO?! SOMEONE HAS TO WEAR IT. IT COST ME A FORTUNE TO RENT!
MY OTHER COWORKER HAS TO MAN THE COUNTER!
WHO ON EARTH CAN I ASK TO WORK THE STREET WITH ME IN A CHICKEN SUIT?!
MIYOUL...?

GAH! BUT I JUST...
IT'S SO HARD WITH HER! I DON'T WANT TO BE HER LACKEY AGAIN.
MIYOUL WILL NEVER LET US JUST BE EQUALS.
IT'S IMPOSSIBLE
...
DON'T JUST STAND THERE!
HELP!
LOVE THAT COUNTRY
RIGHT AWAY, SIR!
IT'S SO STRANGE.
EVERY TIME I SEE HIM, I WANT TO SAY SOMETHING.
I KEEP WANTING TO TELL HIM AND TO POUR MY HEART OUT TO SOMEONE.
I GUESS I CAN'T HIDE MY LOVE ANYMORE.
ring ring
BUT IT'D BE A LOT EASIER IF HE JUST GOT A CLUE!

HELLO?
MIYOUL! IT'S HEERACK. CAN YOU COME OUT RIGHT THIS MINUTE?!
WHAT? WHY?!
OH GOOD! SHE PICKED UP!
SEE, I-I'M GIVING OUT THESE FREE SAMPLES AT WORK, AND--
WHAT?!
IS HE SAYING I'D ONLY EAT IF IT'S FREE?!
BUT WHAT IF I EAT IT AND SOMETHING HAPPENS TO ME?!
IT'S SAFE! REALLY! IT'S COOKED AND INSPECTED AND EVERYTHING!
WELL, MY BOSS AND I WERE DOING A PROMOTION IN CHICKEN SUITS, BUT HE COLLAPSED FROM THE HEAT.
SO? I STILL DON'T GET IT.
NOW WE NEED ANOTHER PERSON TO HELP, AND...
...I WAS WONDERING IF YOU COULD COME AND HELP OUT.
OH MAN. IT SOUNDS LIKE TORTURE.
.....

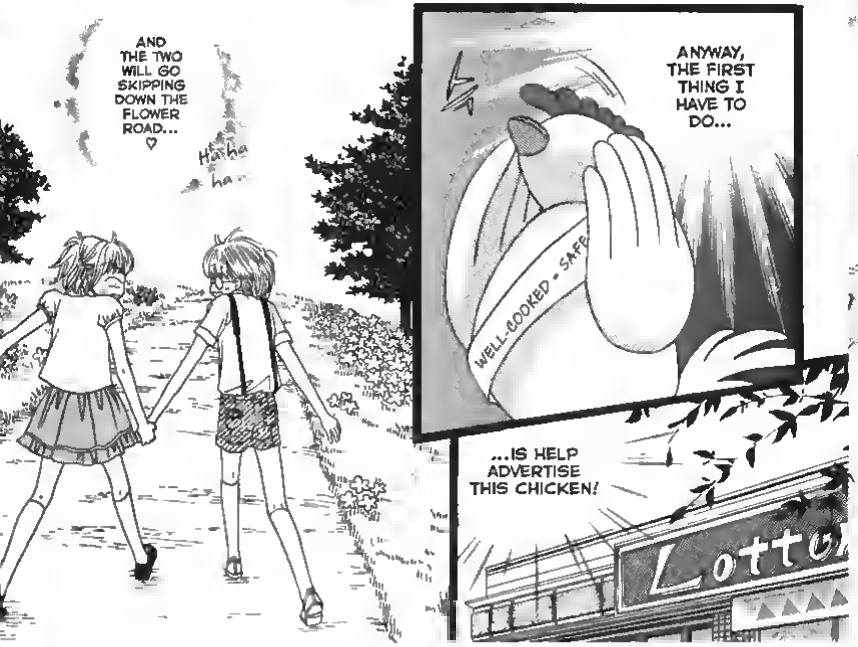
HE'S ASKING ME TO PUT ON A CHICKEN SUIT AND DO THE CAMPAIGN WITH HIM?
I HAVEN'T SEEN HIM DO ANYTHING THIS GOOFY SINCE HE GOT ALL TALL AND POPULAR AND COOL...
.....
.....
I-I'M SORRY, MIYOUL. I REALLY JUST... NEEDED HELP!
J-JUST PRETEND I NEVER ASKED!
NO! I'M COM--
CUTE THAT CAMPAIGN EMBLEM!

HE HUNG UP?!
I SHOULDN'T HAVE CALLED HER. MY BODY MAY HAVE GROWN, BUT DEEP DOWN, I STILL ACT LIKE WE'RE KIDS AND I'M HER LITTLE LACKEY.
THAT PHONE CALL WAS SO SHORT, BUT...
IT'S SO HOT...
HEERACK!
...IT FELT LIKE THE WAY THINGS USED TO BE.

ROSA!
THANKS! YOU CAME!
NO NEED TO THANK ME!
IF ANYTHING EVER HAPPENS LIKE THIS AGAIN, DON'T HESITATE TO CALL ON ME FOR HELP!
WHY IS YOUR FACE SO RED?
CHICKEN
MIYOUL?! OH MY GOSH! IF SHE FINDS OUT THAT I'M WEARING THIS RIDICULOUS COSTUME...
...SHE'LL MAKE FUN OF ME UNTIL WE GRADUATE!
I WON'T SAY A WORD! SHE'LL NEVER KNOW IT'S ME.
THIS SUIT'S PRETTY HOT ...
...AND I'VE BEEN WEARING IT FOR HOURS.
THAT'S NOT GOOD! LET ME DO IT MYSELF FOR A WHILE, HEERACK!
GO TO THE BREAK ROOM AND TAKE IT EASY.
I'M FINE.
C'MON! YOU WANT TO COLLAPSE LIKE YOUR BOSS DID?
Lottoria

HI, I'M KEERACK'S FRIEND! I CAME TO HELP HIM ADVERTISE!
WHERE'S THE SUIT?
UH...
SHE WAS LOOKING DOWN ON ME?! WELL LET ME TELL YOU SOMETHING-- I'M DOING THIS FOR LOVE!
LOVE
COUNTRY CHICKEN
...RIGHT HERE.
WELL-COOKED - SAFE

HEERACK ASKED ME TO DO HIM A FAVOR.
I GUESS HE STILL HAS SOME AFFECTION LEFT FOR ME.
I JUST HOPE THIS ERASES WHATEVER BAD FEELINGS REMAIN AFTER THAT WHOLE FIRST LADY MESS.


AND THE TWO WILL GO SKIPPING DOWN THE FLOWER ROAD... ♡
Ha-ha-ha...
ANYWAY, THE FIRST THING I HAVE TO DO...
WELL-COOKED = SAFE
...IS HELP ADVERTISE THIS CHICKEN!
Lotte

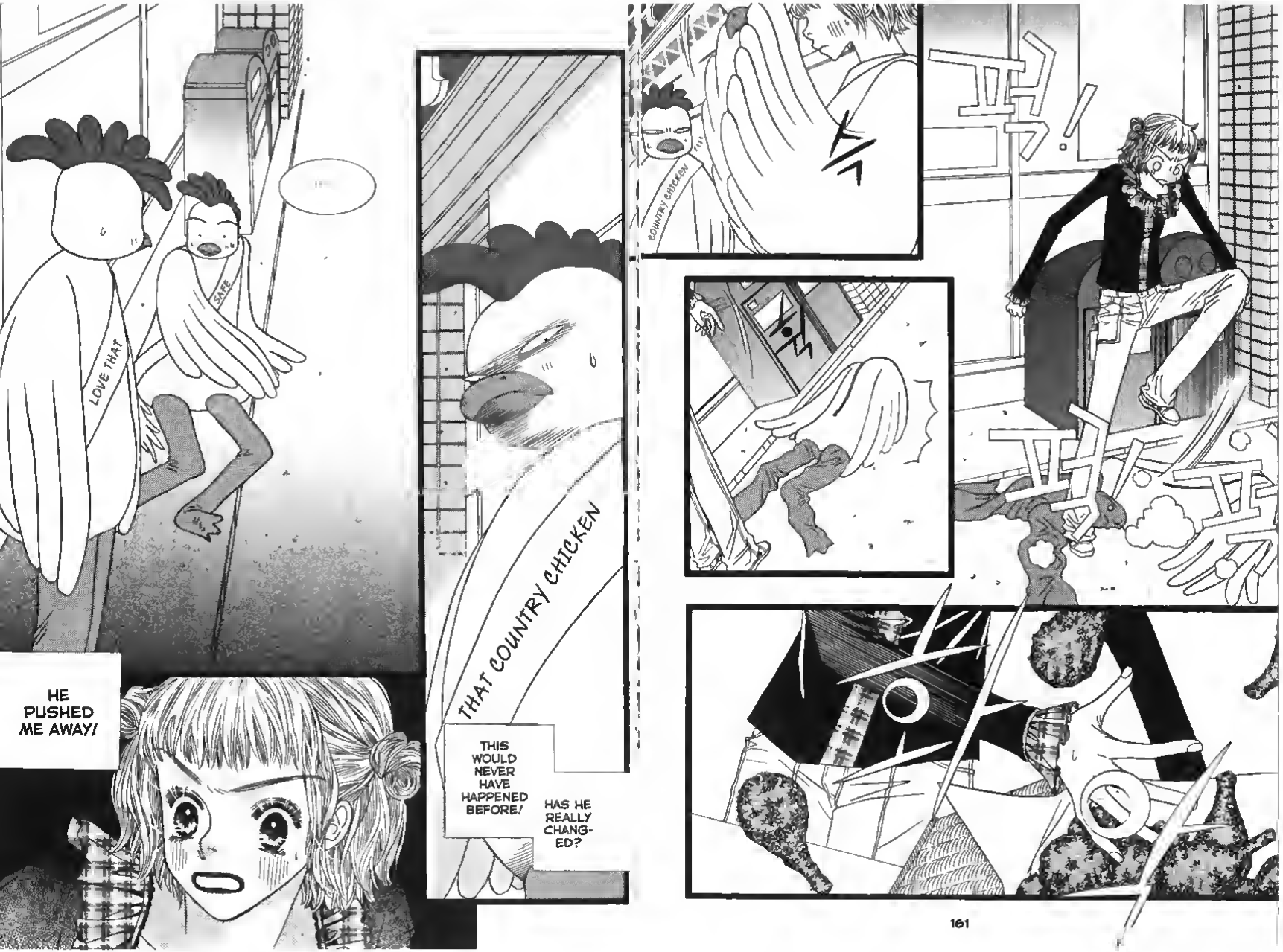
WHAT'S MIYOUL DOING HERE?

COULD HEERACK HAVE ASKED HER TO HELP, TOO?

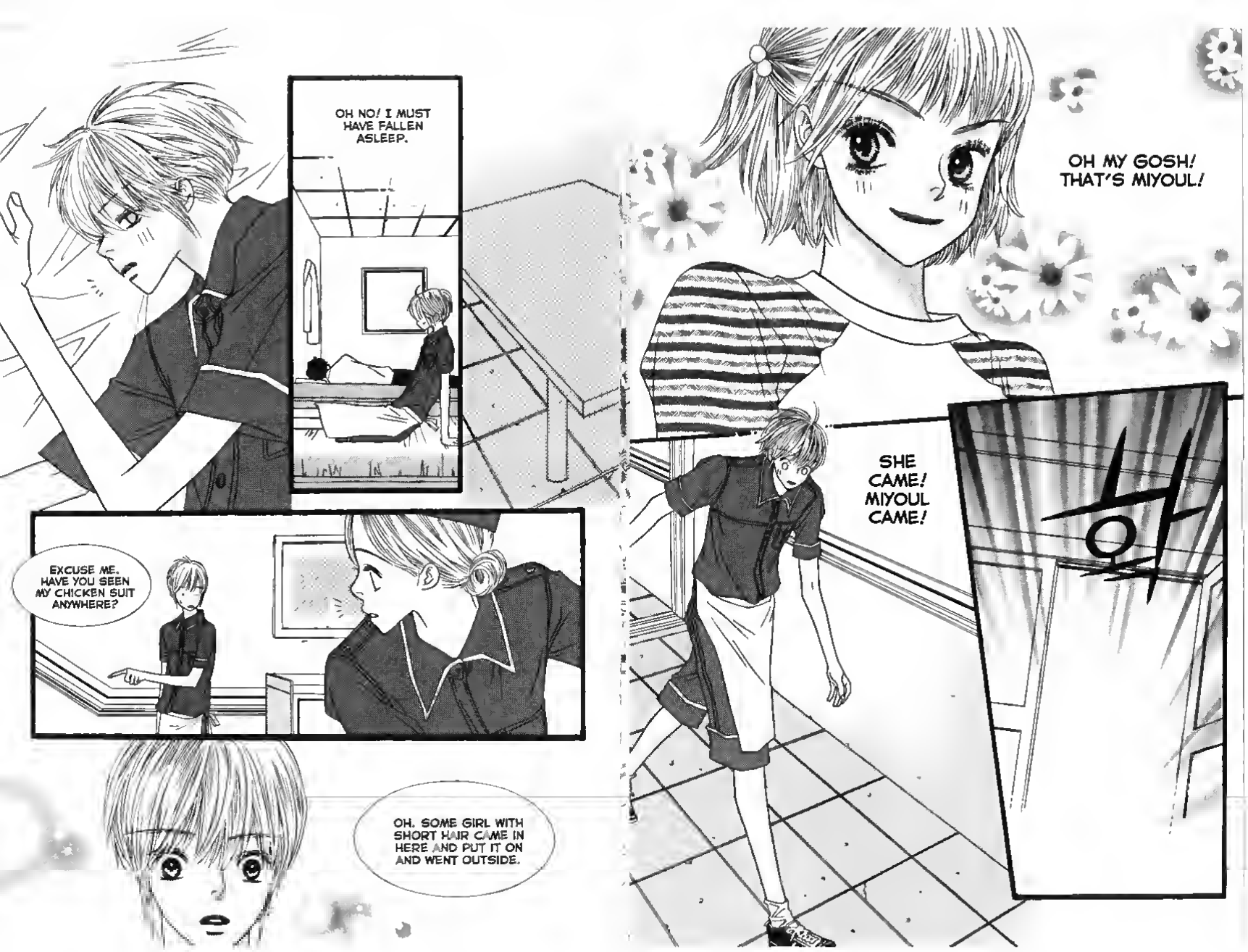
WELL-COOKED = SAFE

HEY, FOLKS!
THAT COUNTRY
WELL-
COME EAT DELICIOUS CHICKEN FOR FREE!
AND WHEN THE CROWD GOT A BIT THIN...
LOVE THAT COUNTRY CHICKEN
WELL-COOKED - SAFE
Eek!
WHAT'S GOING ON?
HEERACK, LOOK AT ME!
OKAY, WHAT THE HECK IS GOING ON?
I'M SO EMBARRASSED!
IF YOU WALK BY, I'LL FOLLOW YOU HOME! AND TRUST ME--YOU DON'T WANT ME TO DO THAT!

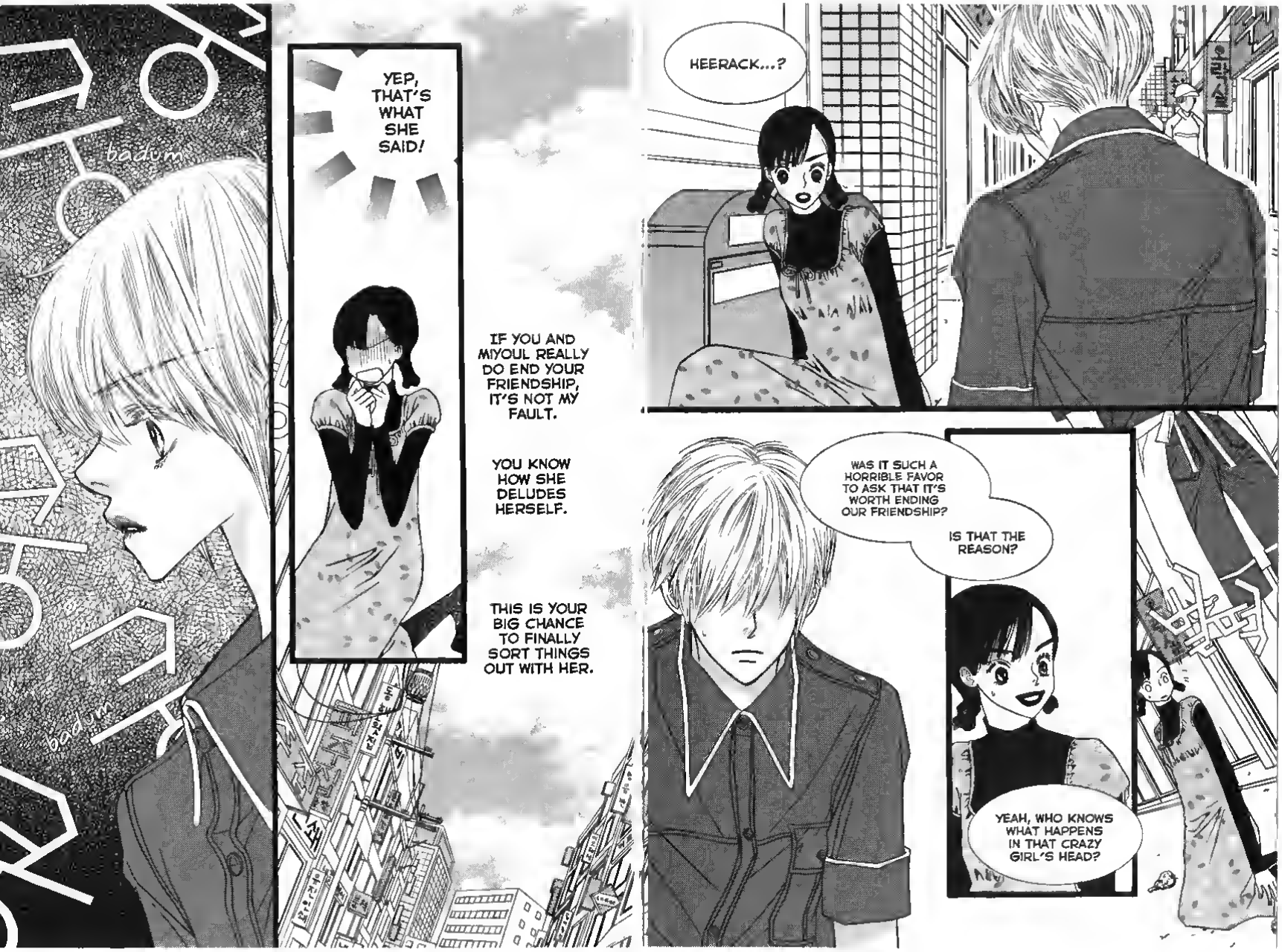
MMM...
WELL-COOKED = SAFE
...MIYOUL MADE A HEART.
OH MY GOSH! WHAT IS SHE DOING?!
LOVE THAT COUNTRY CHICKEN


LOVE THAT
SAFE
HE PUSHED ME AWAY!
THAT COUNTRY CHICKEN
THIS WOULD NEVER HAVE HAPPENED BEFORE!
HAS HE REALLY CHANGED?
COUNTRY CHICKEN
EH?!

I'VE NEVER SEEN MIYOUL...
THAT'S IT! IT'S OVER BETWEEN US FOREVER, HEERACK!
GO BE WITH YOUR LOVELY ROSA! SEE IF I CARE!
...MAKE A FACE LIKE THAT BEFORE.
LOOK
I LOVE THAT COUNTRY!
...
DOES SHE LIKE HEERACK AFTER ALL?
IF HEERACK FINDS OUT...


OH NO! I MUST HAVE FALLEN ASLEEP.
EXCUSE ME. HAVE YOU SEEN MY CHICKEN SUIT ANYWHERE?
OH. SOME GIRL WITH SHORT HAIR CAME IN HERE AND PUT IT ON AND WENT OUTSIDE.
OH MY GOSH! THAT'S MIYOUL!
SHE CAME! MIYOUL CAME!
OH

OH YEAH. SHE MADE A BIG FUSS AND THEN TOOK OFF.
SHE SAID IT WAS FINISHED BETWEEN YOU TWO FOR GOOD.
SHE SAID YOU AND I SHOULD BE TOGETHER.
WHAT IS ALL THIS?
DID MIYOUL COME?
AND YOU KNOW WHAT SHE SAID?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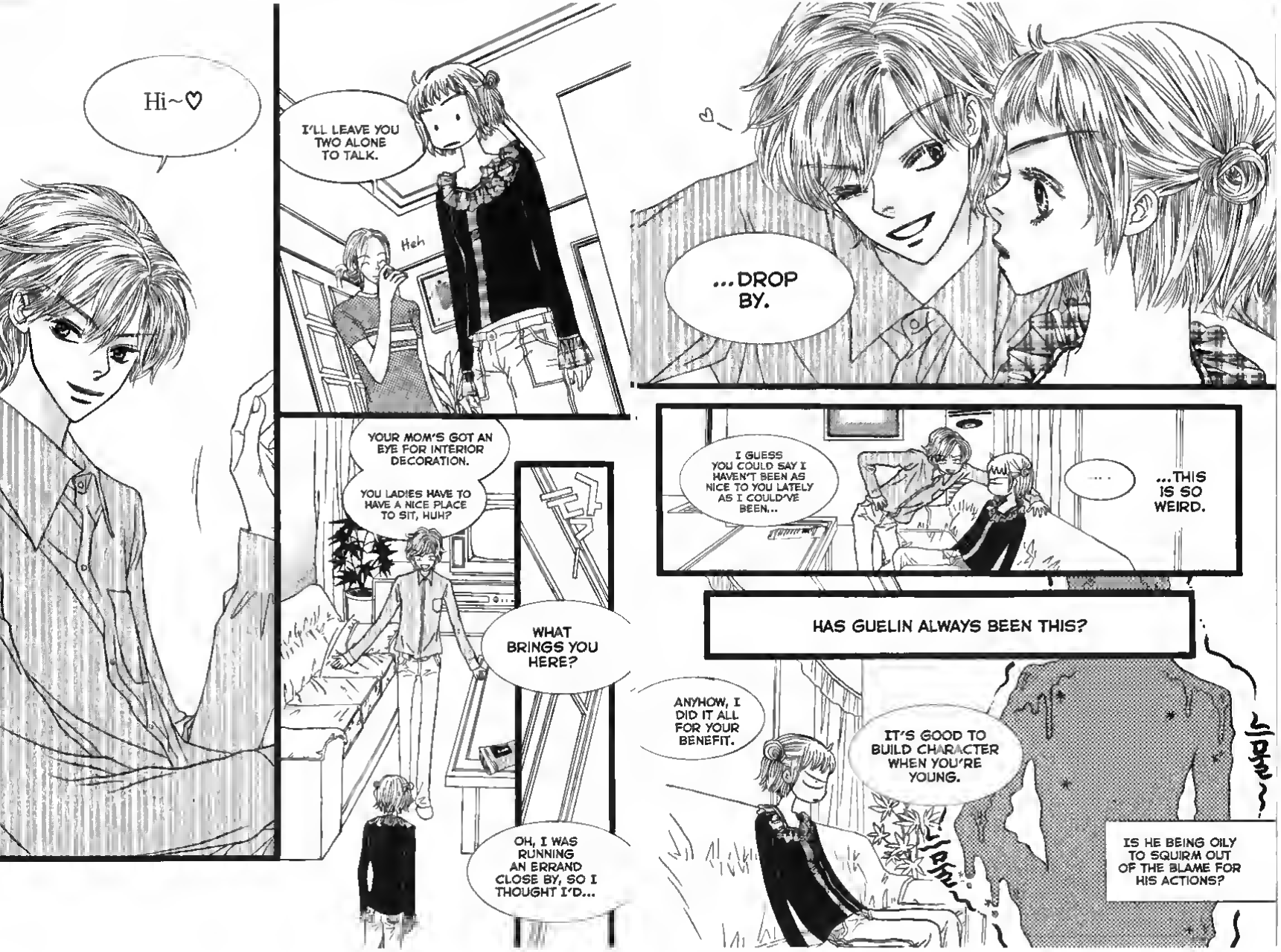
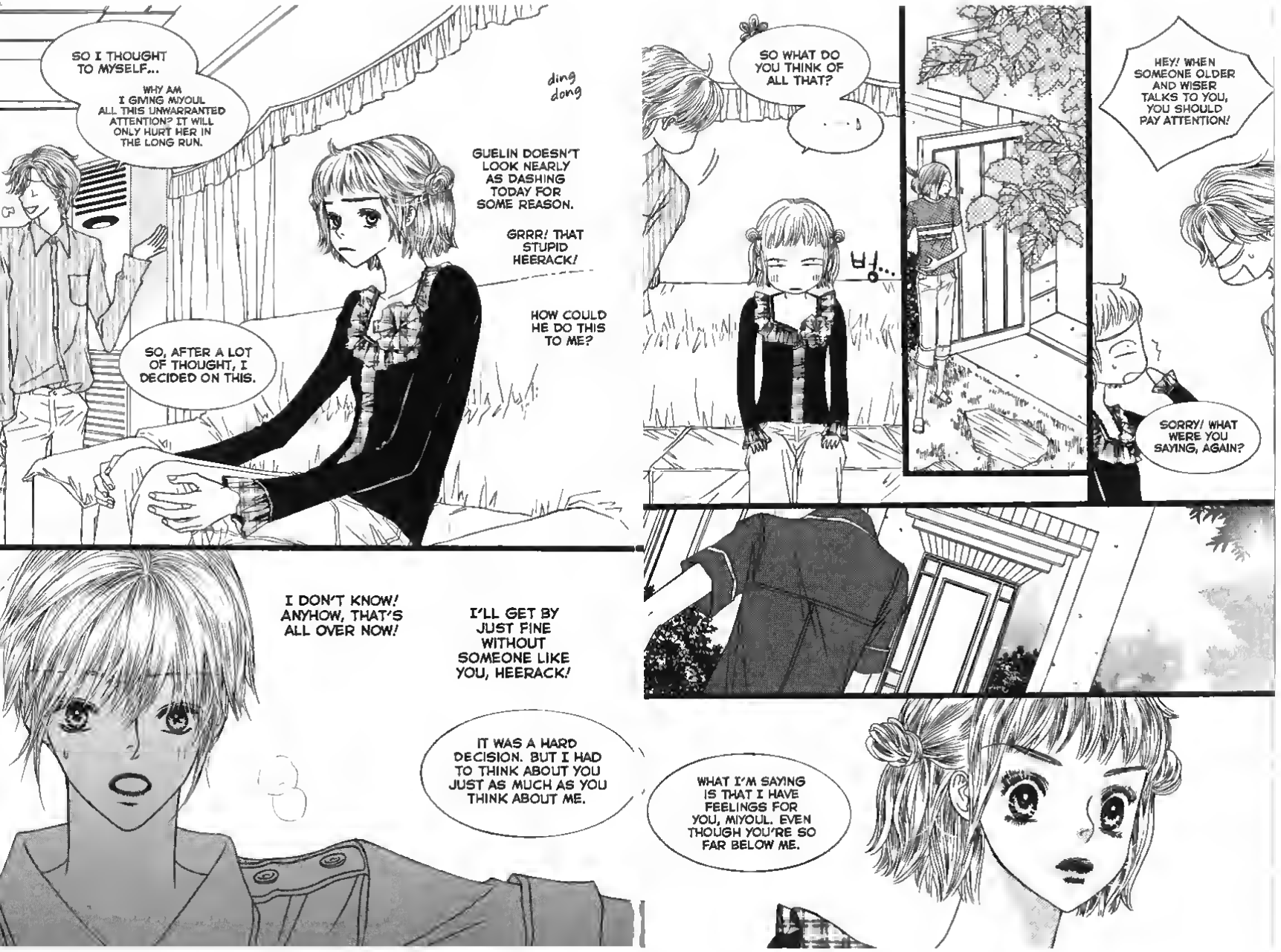
YEP, THAT'S WHAT SHE SAID!
IF YOU AND MIYOUL REALLY DO END YOUR FRIENDSHIP, IT'S NOT MY FAULT.
YOU KNOW HOW SHE DELUDES HERSELF.
THIS IS YOUR BIG CHANCE TO FINALLY SORT THINGS OUT WITH HER.
HEERACK...?
WAS IT SUCH A HORRIBLE FAVOR TO ASK THAT IT'S WORTH ENDING OUR FRIENDSHIP?
IS THAT THE REASON?
YEAH, WHO KNOWS WHAT HAPPENS IN THAT CRAZY GIRL'S HEAD?

WHERE ARE YOU GOING?!
I DON'T UNDERSTAND! HOW COULD SHE SAY SOMETHING LIKE THAT?!
LET GO, ROSA!
YOU CAN'T! DON'T YOU SEE WHAT YOU'RE DOING?!
AHH! WHAT DO I DO?!
THAT CERTAINLY DIDN'T GO LIKE I PLANNED!
I TRIED TO PUT OUT A FIRE...
...BUT JUST WOUND UP POURING GAS ON IT!
IF HEERACK FINDS OUT WHAT I DID, HE'LL THINK I'M HORRIBLE!
HE'LL THINK I'M WORSE THAN MIYOUL!
TOFEL
BANK

HEERACK, WAIT!
NO MATTER WHAT HAPPENS, YOU CAN'T HATE ME, OKAY?! DO YOU PROMISE?!
WHY WOULD I HATE YOU, ROSA?
JUST MAKE UP A GOOD STORY TO TELL MY BOSS FOR WHY I'M NOT HERE!
IT'S ALL... BECAUSE I LIKE YOU, HEERACK! PLEASE UNDERSTAND THAT!
AHH! MY CHICKEN! MY CHICKEN SUIT! MY MONEY! GAAHH!!
HE'LL BE SORRY!
INGRATE.

HMPH!
HONEY?
WHAT'S WRONG?
N-NOTHING.
OKAY. HEY, I MEANT TO TELL YOU. I CAME HOME, AND SOME HANDSOME STUDENT WAS WAITING IN FRONT OF THE HOUSE.
HE CALLED ME "MOTHER-IN-LAW," WHICH I THOUGHT WAS WEIRD.
WHO WAS IT?
SO I TOLD HIM, "WELL THAT'S ODD, BECAUSE THERE'S ONLY MIYOUL..."
"...IN THIS HOUSE."
WHAT?! WHAT? NO!
HE SHOWED ME HIS ID TO CONFIRM HIS IDENTITY, AND I ASKED HIM TO WAIT IN THE LIVING ROOM.
YOU ALWAYS TAKE THINGS THE WRONG WAY AND GET MAD, MIYOUL!
WHO IS IT?


Hi~♡
I'LL LEAVE YOU TWO ALONE TO TALK.
Heh
...DROP BY.
YOUR MOM'S GOT AN EYE FOR INTERIOR DECORATION.
YOU LADIES HAVE TO HAVE A NICE PLACE TO SIT, HUH?
WHAT BRINGS YOU HERE?
OH, I WAS RUNNING AN ERRAND CLOSE BY, SO I THOUGHT I'D...
I GUESS YOU COULD SAY I HAVEN'T BEEN AS NICE TO YOU LATELY AS I COULD'VE BEEN...
...
...THIS IS SO WEIRD.
HAS GUELIN ALWAYS BEEN THIS?
ANYHOW, I DID IT ALL FOR YOUR BENEFIT.
IT'S GOOD TO BUILD CHARACTER WHEN YOU'RE YOUNG.
IS HE BEING OILY TO SQUIRM OUT OF THE BLAME FOR HIS ACTIONS?


SO I THOUGHT TO MYSELF...
WHY AM I GIVING MIYOUL ALL THIS UNWARRANTED ATTENTION? IT WILL ONLY HURT HER IN THE LONG RUN.
ding dong
GUELIN DOESN'T LOOK NEARLY AS DASHING TODAY FOR SOME REASON.
GRRR! THAT STUPID HEERACK!
HOW COULD HE DO THIS TO ME?
SO, AFTER A LOT OF THOUGHT, I DECIDED ON THIS.
I DON'T KNOW! ANYHOW, THAT'S ALL OVER NOW!
I'LL GET BY JUST FINE WITHOUT SOMEONE LIKE YOU, HEERACK!
IT WAS A HARD DECISION. BUT I HAD TO THINK ABOUT YOU JUST AS MUCH AS YOU THINK ABOUT ME.
SO WHAT DO YOU THINK OF ALL THAT?
. . . .
HEY! WHEN SOMEONE OLDER AND WISER TALKS TO YOU, YOU SHOULD PAY ATTENTION!
SORRY! WHAT WERE YOU SAYING, AGAIN?
WHAT I'M SAYING IS THAT I HAVE FEELINGS FOR YOU, MIYOUL. EVEN THOUGH YOU'RE SO FAR BELOW ME.

REALLY?
OH RIGHT. I LIKE HIM...
MIYOUL!
THAT'S RIGHT. YOU'RE THE ONE I WANT.
I HAVE NO INTENTION OF ENDING OUR FRIENDSHIP, MIYOUL!
YOU THINK YOU'RE MIYOUL?
YOU can't hit a man! and not have it hurt

I SEE, SO SHE ENDED THINGS WITH YOU.
WELL, PERFECT TIMING, THEN!
HUH? JUST A MINUTE AGO, HE WAS...
MIYOUL AND I JUST STARTED DATING, SO YOU CAN BE THE FIRST TO CONGRATULATE US!

SO I'M REALLY GONNA DATE THE FAMOUS GUELIN?

YES, IF I AGREE TO IT.
B-BUT SOMETHING ABOUT THAT BOTHERS ME TOO MUCH...
HEERACK!

I-I LIKE YOU!
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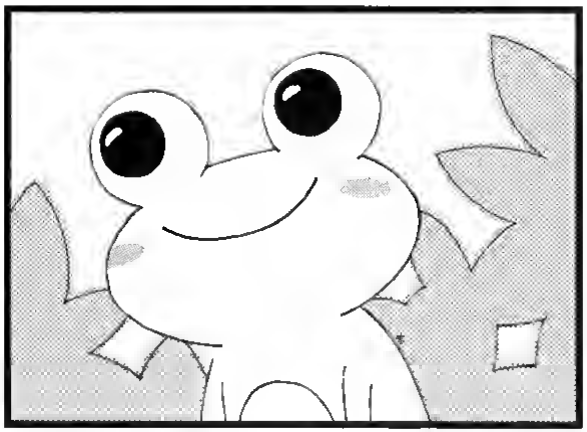

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